

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2001**

1. CRIME / PENAL SYSTEM
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*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

**Quarterly Problems Program Report
Programs Line-Up**

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
RICKI LAKE	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
MAURY POVICH	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
THE OTHER HALF (began airing 9/10/01)	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
EXTRA	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	24:00
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00

WJAC-TV
PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

RICKI LAKE – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show concentrates on one topic and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

MAURY POVICH – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show concentrates on one topic and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

EXTRA – A national syndicated program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

THE OTHER HALF – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show addresses several topics in one episode and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The show began airing 9/10/01.

NEWSCENTER 6 - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW JULY

7/05/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

LEFT LANE

Driving in the left lane will be less restrictive by the end of summer. Right now, Pennsylvania's left lane law prohibits driving in the left lane unless you are passing or making a left turn. But a change is coming.

:27 - VO

7/06/01, 11 PM, Friday Jim Otte

MURDERABILIA

Convicted killers are making a name for themselves and tons of money for their families and friends. In fact, it's an entire industry that's growing up around some of the nation's most notorious murderers. Jim Otte has more in this NewsCenter 6 special report.

3:09 - Package

7/09/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Landra Booker

KIDS / CRIME

Could quality child care cut down on crime? Results of a new study claim just that. Now police and victims of crime are calling on Congress to make quality care accessible to all families. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker reports.

2:00 - Package

7/11/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Ross Guidotti

DUMPSTER DIVING

Are you throwing away who you are? Chances are that if you don't pay attention to what's in your trash can, you could be. As Ross Guidotti shows us, in the wrong hands, your trash could end up as someone's illegal treasure.

3:40 - Package

Larry Williams - Retired State Police officer

7/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Landra Booker

RACIAL PROFILING

Racial profiling has been an alleged problem in the Johnstown Police Department, one they are trying to put an end to. But a new report says police departments around the country are not doing enough to end it. More now from NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker.

1:17 - Package

Dr. Lori Fridell - Researcher

Jerry Oliver - Richmond police chief

7/19/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

BANK TRAINING

"When you least expect it" - That's the name of a new training program the Cambria 9-1-1-Center is using to help bank tellers become more efficient witnesses. They say robberies happen everyday across the country and in most cases, the best way to catch the suspect is for the bank workers to be extremely observant.

:45 - SOT/VO

Robbin Melnyk - Cambria County 911

Mike Babyak - Portage National Bank

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW JULY

7/23/01, 5 PM, Monday Ken Kalthoff

INTERNET PORN LAWS

A new Federal law will protect your kids from on-line porn while surfing the net at your local library. But some people say mandatory filtering of the internet is a bad idea. Ken Kalthoff reports.

1:45 - Package

Maria Murquia - Parent

Juan Angel Garcia - Library user

Young RYU - UTD User

Michael Linz - ACLU

7/25/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

911 ABUSES

Dialing 9-1-1 has become second nature to people. While that certainly is a good thing, it has also created another situation which is not so good, and illegal. People have started calling 9-1-1 for everything. As Lisa Stofko reports, that misuse can be dangerous.

2:45 - Package

Robbin Melnyk - Dep. Director of Communications

Terry Sloan - Ebensburg Area EMS Manager

Sgt. Mike Goncher - Richland Twp Police

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW . . . AUGUST

8/14/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

RIDE AGAINST VIOLENCE

A 190 mile bike ride to stop gun violence ended at the nation's Capitol, at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The goal of the 17 bikers was to raise awareness of violence against children. Beverly Kirk reports.

1:30 - Package

Sandra McSweeney - Lost daughter to violence

Evan Todd - Columbine survivor

Sabrina Steger - Lost daughter in shooting

8/16/01, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

INTERNET CRIME

A chilling case out of New York state earlier this week involved a couple kidnapping a 15-year-old they had met on the internet. But finding evidence and prosecuting the guilty is difficult. Internet-related crimes can be hard to catch, and when evidence turns up, it can be quickly erased. :45 - SOT/VO

Dave Gorman - Blair County D.A.

8/17/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Vallese

ODOMETER FRAUD

Odometer fraud is a 10 billion dollar a year industry, and it is illegal. Many victims don't even realize there is such a scam. Julie Vallese explains how technology is keeping an old-time fraud alive and how you can avoid it.

1:39 - Package

Ernestina Friarson - Car buyer

Dick Morse - Director of Odometer Fraud

8/20/01, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ASK CAMPAIGN

There's a new effort to cut down on gun violence among children. It is called the "Ask Campaign." It's organizers are encouraging parents to ask their neighbors if they have a gun in their homes.

:35 - SOT/VO

Anne Marie Cromwell - Lost son to gun violence

8/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM

The recent rash of burglaries has many in our area on high alert. That's why Altoona Police Department has offered a course entitle "Refuse To Be A Victim". The seminar teaches people how to make and keep their homes safe, along with travel and personal safety trips.

:35 - VO/SOT

Kelly Jean Baker - Altoona resident

8/27/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

CRIME WITNESS

If you were there as a crime was being convicted, would you be able to serve as a witness? What's the first thing you should look for? What would help the police most? We're joined now by a member of the Pennsylvania State Police.

:45 - Live

Trooper Steve Barto - PSP Ebensburg

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW AUGUST

8/29/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

HELPING VICTIMS

Pennsylvania leads the nation when it comes to helping victims of domestic violence. That's a result of a study by the Violence Prevention Fund. The report examines whether states require health care providers to develop policies to deal with family violence. To further examine this issue, we are joined by a domestic violence specialist from Memorial Medical Center.

1:05 – Live

Debbis Koval – Memorial Medical

8/29/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

PA VIOLENCE

The report card is out for how well states treat domestic violence. The Keystone State is the only one that got an "A". But as Julie Sidoni tells us, it's not yet time to celebrate.

1:36 – Package

Jan Layton – Women's Help Center

Debbie Koval – Memorial Medical Center

Dr. Daniel Wehner – Memorial Medical Center

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME / LAW SEPTEMBER

9/25/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sherry Stalley

BIOTERRORISM

Fear is not surfacing about the possibility of chemical and biological warfare. It's an issue that noone even wants to think about, but a possibility for which emergency workers here have been preparing for years. With more on this preparedness, Sherry Stalley joins us live.

:15 - Live

1:32 - Package

Bernard McCreadie - Terrorism Task Force

Ron Springer - Terrorism Task Force

9/25/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday I. J. Hudson

CYBER TERRORISM

Some terrorism experts say an attack on our country's computer systems could follow the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The FBI says that one person with the right hardware and software could bring U.S. computer networks to their knees. I.J. Hudson reports.

1:53 - Package

Phillip Lacombe - Veridian

Patrick Sweeney - CEO, Servervault

9/25/01 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

CHARITY FRAUD

Some people are trying to take advantage of Americans' generosity. There's a warning out tonight to those of you who want to donate to national recovery efforts about crooks setting up fake charities.

:35 - SOT/VO

Bob Kuykendall - U.S. Postal Service

CRIME SEPTEMBER

Extra 9/21/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

One segment examines new technology that can be utilized to catch terrorists. New high tech cameras are able to identify and instantly I.D. known criminals in a crowd. The cameras may soon be showing up at airports, rail stations, subway stations, and malls as Science takes on the task of fighting the war on terrorism.

Show #: 8016

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 9/28/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Just call them sky cops. The next time you catch a plane, there's a good chance you'll be riding with a marshal who's packing heat. Extra examines the mock drills that train the FAA's elite Air Marshall force to stop terrorists dead in their tracks.

Show #: 8022

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION JULY

7/05/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

HIGH TECH CHEATING

Teachers say the internet is making it easier for kids to cheat on their school work and harder to monitor them. In fact, it is so easy, many educators now admit that it is hard for even the average student to resist not cheating, at least once in a while. With more on the growth of hi-tech cheating, Gary Sinderson joins us now live from Penn State.

:58 – Package

:17 – Live

Abbey Pickett – Penn State student

Anthony Maurer – Penn State student

Michele Matthew – Penn State student

7/06/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Valerie Morris

STUDENT LOANS

It may be a good time to go to college. As Alan Greenspan's rate cuts work their way through the economy, students loan rates begin to fall. Valerie Morris explains.

2:00 – Package

Jack Joyce – College Board

Kalman Chany – Author, paying for college

7/10/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

NURSING STUDENTS

As the nation struggles with a shortage of Registered Nurses, an area nursing school has seen its enrollment double. But as Lisa Stofko reports, that turnaround is more the exception than the rule.

1:33 – Package

Louise Pugliese, RN – Director of School of Nursing

Mike Donald – Going back to school

7/16/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

TUITION INCREASE

Paying the price for higher education is getting tougher and tougher for many students and their families. At Penn State another tuition increase is in the works and will make the university the most expensive among its counterparts in the Big Ten conference. With more on the added burden to students, Gary Sinderson is standing by in State College.

1:09 – Package

:24 – Live

Laetitia Hyppolite – PSU student

Shawn Walk – PSU student

Eric Malis – PSU student

Stephen MacCarthy – Penn State Vice President

7/23/01, 5 PM, Monday Roseanne Colletti

STUDENT LOAN REFINANCING

You may have already re-financed your mortgage, but did you know you may be able to re-finance your student loans? Roseanne Colletti now has a look at how it may work out for you.

1:44 – Package

Mary Coppola – Graduate student

Richard Flaherty – College parents

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7/27/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

EDUCATION TAX CREDIT

Businesses in Pennsylvania can get some tax credits if they make donations to improve education. Gov. Tom Ridge says corporations can receive credit against state taxes of 75 cents for every dollar they donate.

:35 - SOT/VO

Gov. Tom Ridge - Pennsylvania

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION AUGUST

8/01/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ARMY PROGRAM

With help from colleges like Penn State, the army unveils a new weapon to help in retaining personnel. It is called earmy U – the army provides laptop computers and pays the tab for tuition, books, and internet access bringing college to the troops.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sgt. Michael Yost – U.S. Army

8/01/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jane Watrel

VACCINES

The start of the new school year is fast approaching. Health experts are calling on you to make sure your children have all their shots. This applies particularly to high schoolers and teens headed off to college who are at risk for some deadly diseases. Jane Watrel has more from Washington.

1:39 – Package

Dr. Wibbelsman – Kaiser Permanente Clinic

Jeanette Friend – Mother

Lynn Bozof – Mother

Dr. Walter Ornstein – Asst. Surgeon General

8/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Have you thought about how you're going to pay for your child's college education? Financial experts say the 5-2-9 plan is one of the best vehicles out there. It allows you to earn money tax free. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:16 – Package

Carol Marie Cropper – "Business Week"

Judy Karam – Investor

8/08/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Tana Castro

BABY READING

Teaching your nine month old to read sounds amazing doesn't it. Dr. Robert Titzer claims he can do just that. Since his video came out in 1997, Titzer's sold nearly 100-thousand copies. But is the technique reading or memorizing? Tana Castro reports.

2:11 – Package

Dr. Robert Titzer – Creator of teaching program

Dr. Robert Bryd – U.C. Davis Pediatrician

8/09/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CYBER SCHOOLS

E-classrooms were a big topic of debate in Somerset County today. The debate was over the cyber charter schools, private schools which are growing in popularity.

:42 – SOT/VO

Andy Demidont – Rockwood School District

8/14/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

TEACHER SHORTAGE

Are there enough teachers to go around to teach your kids? That's the question that was asked in Washington D.C. Education experts are trying to figure out how to entice new teachers into the classroom. Landra Booker is standing by live with more on today's education summit.

:49 – Live

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8/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jim Hanchett

EDUCATION PLAN

The President has some advice for parents. He wants you to turn off your tv and read to your kids in an effort to help them do better in school. It's only one of his ideas to help improve education nationwide. Jim Hanchett has the latest details.

1:38 - Package

Se. Tom Daschle - Senate Democratic leader

8/16/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

RACISM CONFERENCE

Are racial and diversity conditions improving at Pennsylvania colleges and universities? That's what a group of state lawmakers continue to investigate. That was the issue today at Penn State University. Gary Sinderson joins us from Penn State live.

2:00 - Package

:16 - Live

Graham Spanier - Penn State president

Jess Stairs - Representative

8/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

As college students across the state get ready to head back for the fall semester, more and more universities are adding fire sprinklers in their dormitories.

:35 - VO

8/16/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Brooke Hart

TEACHERS' BENEFIT

The nation's largest teacher's union is now offering its members a new perk. If it makes some of them uneasy, it's no wonder. It's an insurance benefit against homicide on the job. Brooke Hart has the details from Washington.

1:40 - Package

Bob Chase - President, National Education Association

Marilyn Freed - Arizona teacher

8/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

STARBASE

You know it yourself - you learn more when you see something or experience it yourself. Star Base is a program designed to get kids excited about science by showing them how it applies to real life. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:50 - Package

Maj. Steven Painter - PA Air National Guard

Brandon Jones - Project Director

Aaron Berkey - North Star

Derrick Baer - North Star

8/16/01, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATION

If you own a business and are looking for a tax break this year, a donation to a local school could provide the relief you're looking for. The Educational Improvement Program is meant to give business tax credit for a donation to the public or private school of their choice.

:42 - SOT/VO

Lori Hartnett - Stewardship & Development

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8/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

BLACK CAUCUS

Penn State's Black Caucus wastes no time in picking up from where it left off during the turbulent spring semester. It continues to push diversity related issues to the forefront at Penn State in the implementation of the agreement to prevent racial turmoil.

1:05 - Package

Hasan Anenra - PSU Black Caucus president

Graham Spanier - Penn State president

8/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Lilian Kim

BULLETPROOF SCHOOLS

Compared to your school years, times have certainly changed. Lilian Kim takes a look at some of the terrifying realities your kids may face every day and how your child's school is keeping him or her safe.

1:26 - Package

Michael Silver - Superintendent

Maryilyn Brockman - Architect

Mike Togerson - School administrator

8/27/01, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL BULLIES

We know that bullies contribute to the cause of school violence. Every year, bullies pose a concern at schools. With tips on how to protect your kids before the bullying goes too far, here is local pediatrician Matthew Masiello.

:40 - Live

Dr. Matthew Masiello - Johnstown Pediatrician

8/28/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

TEEN VIOLENCE

What leads to violence in your child's school? Students say it's revenge. Beverly Kirk takes a look at the school violence survey that just came out today.

1:35 - Package

Dr. Edward Gaughan - School Violence surveyor

Dr. Jay Cerio - School violence surveyor

8/28/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jane Watrel

SAT SCORES

The grades are in, and the scores have remained virtually unchanged. Jane Watrel is here with more on this year's college SAT entrance scores from Washington.

1:45 - Package

Gaston Caperton - The College Board

Nyron Burke - Princeton freshman

8/28/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

A new study says that as many as 20 kids in an average high school could be considered high risk for shooting someone at school. Researchers asked students about violence in schools and uncovered some shocking answers. Brigitte Langmade has the details from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:43 - Package

Jay Cerio - Prof of School Psychology

Edward Gaughan - Study investigator

Robert Myers - Director of Violence Studies

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8/29/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

BINGE DRINKING

A new survey finds that binge drinking, not homesickness or good grades, is among parents' top concern as they send their children off to college. Recent studies show that they have good reason to worry. Here's Helen Chickering.

1:29 – Package

Dr. Henry Wechsler – Harvard School of Public Health

Dr. J. Edward Hill – American Medical Association

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9/05/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

SCHOOL DRUG STUDY

Just as your kids head back to the classroom, a new study shows that the war on drugs isn't getting any easier. Drugs and alcohol are finding their way into schools at an alarming rate. Miranda Gresko reports.

1:10 – Package

Diana Williams – Bellwood Assistant Principal

Carol Wertz – Centre County Drug Counselor

Dr. Matt Masiello – Conemaugh Medical Center

9/07/01, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL BULLY PROGRAM

School shootings and weapons in school became all too common in schools across the nation over the past year. Now school officials say it's time for a change, and they are instituting new programs.

:54 – SOT/VO

Kieran Layton – Eighth grade student

Steve McGee – Westmont principal

Bridget Kozar – Bullying Prevention Coordinator

9/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

STUDENTS DIVIDED

On America's college campuses, the debate is heating up on whether or not war is the best form of revenge. Students at ninety colleges today, including Penn State, are trying to rally support for a peaceful resolution.

:46 – SOT/VO

Martin Austermuhle – Penn State student

9/28/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

FOREIGN STUDENTS

There is increased scrutiny now for international students at American colleges. The Bush administration wants to better track the students and their activities in the wake of the terrorist attacks. But educators and students are worried about privacy issues. With more on their concerns, Gary sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:17 – Package

:15 – Live

Douglas Grane – Peace activist

Martin Austermuhle – PSU International student

On America's college campuses, the debate is

EDUCATION SEPTEMBER

The Other Half 9/26/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half, with the help of an education expert, analyzes the pros and cons of home schooling to determine if it's right for your family.

Show #: 926-01

Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL JULY

7/03/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

NEW ARTIFICIAL HEART

Surgeons in Louisville Kentucky have made history, implanting the world's first ever self-contained artificial heart. The landmark surgery is a major development experts hope will lead to a new option for thousands of patients with failing hearts. Helen Chickering has more.

1:09 – Package

Linda Jackson – Jewish Hospital

7/04/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

ARTIFICIAL HEART

The recipient of the world's first self-contained artificial heart is doing even better than doctors had hoped. In a news conference today, surgeons revealed little about the patient's personal history but had a lot to say about the landmark operation that is changing medical history. Helen Chickering has more.

1:51 – Package

Dr. Layman Gray – Dir. Thoracic Surgery

Dr. Robert Dowling – Cardiovascular surgeon

7/05/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

HOSPITAL ERRORS

Reports show that nearly 100-thousand people a year die in this country from medical errors in hospitals. Now there is a new effort to eliminate mistakes. Hospitals are trying to identify problems and fix them so patients can be safe. Jon Meyer is live now with more.

:58 – Package

:22 – Live

Dr. Paul Weygandt – Memorial Medical Center

Linda Weakland – Memorial Medical Center, R.N.

7/05/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

TEEN DRINKING

Despite the government's best efforts, teen drinking remains a serious problem. A new study is out that suggests younger kids are drinking alcohol. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live with more on this new study.

1:01 – Package

:23 – Live

7/05/01, 5 PM, Thursday Monica Robins

BONE RESEARCH

The Cleveland Clinic attracts some of the best researchers in the world to give us healthier lives. Monica Robins has more on how they are trying to cure osteoporosis.

2:02 – Package

Melissa Tate – Researcher

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7/05/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

ANTIBIOTICS

On tonight's episode of "E.R." Dr. Greene refused to prescribe antibiotics. In fact, overuse of antibiotics contributes to the emergence of resistant germs. Dr. Leigh Vinocur has more on how a new high tech tool could help in the battle against the bug.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Marissa Miller – Resistance Program Officer

Dr. Walter Atha – Director of Antibiotic Guide

7/06/01, 5 PM, Friday Danielle Reese

PACIFIER VS THUMB

You could say it goes hand-in-hand with childhood, using pacifiers to calm a fussy baby. But can a pacifier hurt your child's mouth and teeth? Danielle Reese has more in tonight's First Health.

1:44 – Package

Renee Chandler – Concerned parent

Dr. Steven Adair – MCG School of Dentistry

7/06/01, 5 PM, Friday Sue Saville

ULTRASOUND

It was first developed by engineers at Porsche, and now new technology gives expectant parents an amazing look at their children in the womb. Sue Saville shows us some amazing pictures that may help in detecting early health problems.

1:22 – Package

Stuart Campbell – Professor

Oscar Kemal – Father-to-be

7/06/01, 11 PM, Friday Deborah Ferguson

ORTHO-K

Sight is one of our most important senses, yet millions of people have poor vision. But what if you could improve your vision while you sleep. Deborah Ferguson has more on how "braces for your eyes" can make you see clearly.

1:49 – Package

Lisa Davis – Ortho-K patient

Dr. Dan Pickard – Optometrist

Dr. James McCulley – Ophthalmologist

Dr. Robert Bard - Optometrist

7/10/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Tom Hopkins

CUTTING PRESCRIPTION COSTS

We all know prescriptions are getting more and more expensive. If you have a laundry list of pills, the cost could land you in financial trouble. But one clinic is showing patients how to save hundreds of dollars a year so they can stay on their medication. Dr. Tom Hopkins reports.

1:59 – Package

Phyllis Debacco – Patient

Marilyn Stebbins – Clinical Pharmacy Manager

Dr. Bruce Ermann – Medclinic Internal Medicine

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7/11/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

DRUG SWITCHING

Your doctor is the person that is supposed to say what medications you should take. But now some pharmacists are switching your prescriptions without you realizing it. What's behind the switch? NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen did some digging and came up with some surprising answers.

3:39 – Package

Lorene Davis – Diabetes patient

Christopher Koman – Family practitioner

7/11/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

BLOOD COSTS

The cost of medical care at hospitals could be going up. The price that hospitals pay for blood has jumped nearly 50 percent. They have to make that cost up somewhere and it could be from you. Jon Meyer is live now with more on this story.

:51 – Package

:13 – Live

Tom Angle – Red Cross CEO

Luis Gonzalez – Doctor of Pharmacy

7/12/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

OBESITY / KIDS

A new report sends an alarming message about children and obesity. Researchers say one out of every eight kids in this country is severely overweight. It's an epidemic that experts warn will only get worse unless families and communities take action now. Helen Chickering has the story.

1:37 – Package

Dr. Bob Berkowitz – Obesity specialist

7/12/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

OXYCONTIN

On tonight's episode of "E.R." an elderly patient managed his terminal illness his own way to be more comfortable. The controversial drug, oxycontin, is one of the best selling brand name pain medications to treat terminally ill patients. Dr. Leigh Vinocur has more on how restrictions of the drug can affect the quality of life at the end of one's life.

1:30 – Package

John Roycroft – Cancer patient

Dr. Joseph Fins – Medical Ethics Director

7/12/01, 11 PM, Thursday Helen Chickering

ALLERGY AFFECTS

Those who suffer from allergies can usually pick up an over-the-counter remedy when looking for relief. But those same medications that help stop allergy symptoms could be hurting your sex life. Christie Seibert has more in this NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

2:17 – Package

Dr. Jeff Rosch – Allergist at Altoona Hospital

Richard Will – Johnstown

Eileen Heffley – Davidsville

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7/13/01, 5 PM, Friday Elenora Andrews

KID'S EATING

Many of us are trying to eat better these days, especially because of the example we set for our kids. But is it really working? Elenora Andrews has the results of a new study that may surprise you.

1:12 – Package

Dr. Robert Murray – Children's Hospital

7/16/01, 5 PM, Monday Natalie Tysdal

SINUS SURGERY

You've felt the pressure and the pain of sinus infections and you've had it. But going under the knife can be dangerous. But now doctors have a safer way to perform the surgery. A high tech computer is mapping the sinus system, giving doctors another set of eyes. Natalie Tysdal has the story.

1:14 – Package

Gerald Shelton – Sinus patient

Dr. Ronnie Swain – Otolaryngologist

Brad Dombroski – Clinical specialist

7/16/01, 11 PM, Monday Helen Chickering

NICOTINE THERAPIES

In the future, quitting smoking may be as easy as sipping through a straw. Researchers are developing a menu of new nicotine therapies to help wean smokers off cigarettes. But the breakthrough may do more than help smokers kick the habit; scientists found that nicotine may actually have the potential to heal brain disorders like Alzheimer's. Helen Chickering has more in this special report.

2:50 – Package

Peter Runich – Smoker

Dr. Eric Westman – Nicotine researcher

Ed Levin, PH.D – Behavioral researcher

7/17/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

BREAST EXAMS

A controversial study contradicts what you probably do every month. Doctors have given women advice about self-breast exams. But the new study says they may cause more harm than good.

1:08 – Package

7/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

FOOD / CANCER LINK

Scientists released new evidence showing that the types of food you eat may have a dramatic impact on whether you get cancer. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns reports.

1:30 – Package

Dr. David Heber – Nutritionist

Melanie Polk – Cancer dietician

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7/19/01, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

CROHN'S DISEASE

New research just presented at a major medical conference shows that Crohn's disease can possibly be kept in long-term remission if patients continue to use the latest drug for this disease. There hasn't been a new drug for Crohn's disease for 30 years until remicade was approved a year and a half ago. And now there's evidence it can keep patients' symptoms free for prolonged periods of time. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

1:57 - Package

Susan Jack - Crohn's Disease patient

7/19/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jeff Levkulich

TOO EMBARRASSED

Medical information is supposed to be shared only between a doctor and a patient. But sometimes we don't seek the help we need because we're afraid that embarrassing information could be made public. Often, that makes the problem worse. Jeff Levkulich has 5 embarrassing questions and why it is so important that people not keep their problems bottled up.

2:30 - Package

Emma Saula - Patient

Dr. Kathleen Sweeney - Assistant Director of Family Practice

Janet Goodard - Registered nurse

7/20/01, 5:00 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

NIGHT SNACKERS

Do you have an uncontrollable urge to eat all kinds of fattening food? What about doing that while you are totally asleep? It's actually a serious form of a sleep disorder.

2:12 - Package

Joe Donnelly - Night snacker

Dr. John Windelman - Brigham & Women's Hospital

Sanford Auerbach - Neurologist

7/20/01, 5:00 PM, Friday Margaret Radford

MOUTH INJURIES

It may not be a team requirement, but if your child plays sports, he or she should wear a mouth guard. What do you do if your child suffers an injury? Margaret Radford reports.

1:45 - Package

Debbie O'Toole - Hayley's mother

Carter Muenchau - Dental patient

Penelope Muenchau - Carter's mother

Parvathi Pokala - Pediatric dentist

7/23/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Alison Burns

DRUG COMPANIES

If you are tired of paying big bucks for prescription drugs, you may be wondering why your medicine costs so much. The drug companies say most of the bill is for the research and development of new drugs. But a new report out today challenges that claim. Alison Burns has more.

1:30 - Package

Frank Clemente / Drug Industry spokesman

Jeff Trewhitt - Drug Industry lobbyist

Rep. Tom Allen - Maine

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7/26/01, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

THALIDOMIDE

A new study shows that a drug once considered taboo is an effective first line treatment for patients with one form of leukemia. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen takes a look at the new life of thalidomide.

1:20 – Package

John Lister – Doctor

7/26/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

VITAMINS

Most people can get an adequate supply of vitamins if they have the proper calorie intake and maintain a diet that consists of a variety of food. Still, vitamin supplements are popular. The question is, is the supplement you are taking right for you? Lisa Stofko has the answer.

1:09 – Package

Cheryl Rock, PH.D. – Associate Prof. U.C.S.D.

7/27/01, 5 PM, Friday Beverly Kirk

FLU SPRAY

Just think – the protection of the flu vaccine without the prick of a needle. The FDA's looking at a new spray that may replace the standard flu shot. But is it safe? Beverly Kirk reports.

1:00 – Package

Rosemary Rochford – University of Michigan

Carole Heilman – Allergy & Infectious Diseases

7/27/01, 11 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

GAMBLING CURE

Can a pill help curb compulsive gambling? New studies say yes. Back in 1995, the FDA approved the drug naltrexone for alcohol addiction. Now that drug may help control gambling addiction as well. Dr. Mike Rosen has the details.

1:45 – Package

7/30/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Kriss Fairbairn

STRESS

Stress is a normal part of everyday life, but if left unchecked for long periods of time, it can cause serious emotional and physical problems. Studies show that if you can't get a grip on tension, panic, and anxiety, it can damage the body and the mind. Kriss Fairbairn has some tips that can help you find balance in a hectic world.

1:45 – Package

Dr. Robert Davis – Jefferson Medical Center

Catherine Wilbert – Wellness expert

7/31/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SMART TIP FOODS

Phytochemicals sound like something you should avoid. The truth is, if you are not eating enough of them, you're not protecting yourself against disease. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:20 – Package

Susan Kleiner, R.D. – Nutrition Consultant

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Maury Povich 7/10/01

Host: Maury Povich

The guests on this show are suffering from extremely rage, painful, and disfiguring disorders. Cherubism, a disease that causes facial deformity, a massive fatty tumor disease, and birth deformities are all profiled through these guests. Each one tells the story of how they cope with their medical conditions.

Show #: 710-01

Syndicator: Studios USA

Extra 7/12/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the newest trend if fitness workouts, core training. The focus is to strengthen not just the abdominals, but also the lower back muscles that help us stand and sit without falling over. It involves a lot of movement in the spine, stretching movements, and it is called Gyrotonic Expansion.

Show #: 7267

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/13/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines full body CT scans that are becoming used more often to catch health problems early. Hundreds of pictures are transferred into a computer that then detects the smallest signs of trouble. However, the FDA claims that people may be exposing themselves to unnecessary and potentially dangerous radiation in the process. But radiologists feel the benefits outweigh the potential risks.

Show #: 7268

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/19/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Man has been brewing love potions for centuries. Romans used oysters and eels. The Chinese spiced up sex with ginseng. But these aphrodisiacs don't help everyone. Now, Extra examines the first and only scientifically based over the counter herbal supplement that promises to put spark back in the sack.

Show #: 7273

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/26/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines lasik eye surgery. For some, it leads to perfect vision. For others, it can be a perfect nightmare. Dr. David Schanzlin specializes in repairing botched lasik surgery and says lasik eye surgery isn't for everyone.

Show #: 7279

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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8/01/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BREAST CANCER

For women with breast cancer, surviving five years with the disease is a milestone. But after that comes the scary part, because after five years, tamoxifen can no longer be used. What do women do then? Here's more on tonight's First Health.

:53 – Package

8/02/01, 5 PM, Thursday Marion Brooks

EPILEPSY

Thousands of pregnant women with epilepsy need medication to control their seizures. But do these drugs harm the unborn baby? A new medical study found a link between one of those drugs and learning disabilities in children born to those women. Marion Brooks has more.

1:48 – Package

Dr. Michael Smith – Rush Presbyterian Hospital

8/02/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

STRESS

Stress has always been part of living, but the frantic pace of modern activity leaves many people nervous, angry, unhappy, or edgy. It takes the fun out of life and also takes a toll on health. Lisa Stofko has some advice on how to take the stress out of your life.

1:13 – Package

Bryant Stamford – University of Louisville

8/02/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

SELF-MUTILATION

On tonight's episode of "E.R." a man was treated for self inflicted wounds. Self mutilation is a common symptom of past trauma and abuse. Dr. Leigh Vinocur has the story.

1:29 – Package

Dr. Lowenstein – Psychiatrist

8/03/01, 11 PM, Friday Ed Yates

WEIGHT DRUG

Researchers are testing several new drugs aimed at helping people fight obesity. One of the new compounds works on your metabolism and promises to have few side effects. Ed Yates reports.

1:39 – Package

Dr. James Ferguson – Psychiatrist

Wade Watts – Lost 40 pounds

8/06/01, 5 PM, Monday Elenora Andrews

SICKLE CELL

Tonight there's new hope for children suffering from sickle cell anemia. Every year, one-thousand babies are born with the disease. Many get blood transfusions that often cause strokes. But as Elenora Andrews reports, there's a new treatment that virtually locates the stroke even before it happens.

1:07 – Package

Dr. Mark Ranalli

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8/06/01, 5 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

FERTILITY

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine is making waves with a new controversial ad campaign that it has launched. The campaign encourages women to have babies early in their 20's.

:45 – SOT/VO

Pamela Madsen – American Infertility Assoc.

8/07/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Diana Gonzalez

MASTECTOMY DECISION

Should a woman wait until breast cancer has been diagnosed to have a mastectomy, or should testing positive for gene mutations be enough to make that life-changing decision. Diana Gonzalez reports.

1:38 – Package

Susan Friedman – Breast cancer survivor

Ramin Mirhashemi – Oncologist

8/07/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Brooke Hart

CLONING

An international panel of scientists in Washington debated the controversial subject of human cloning. The National Academy of Sciences brought the panel together to talk about the technology and where it is going. More from Brooke Hart in Washington.

1:30 – Package

8/08/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

MARATHON ILLNESS

You've seen it all before, a marathon runner gets sick at the end of the race. As NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen reports, the illness may be the result of drinking too much during the run.

1:36 – Package

Dr. Ron Roth – Emergency Physician

8/08/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

POST PARTUM

Now to shed some light on post partum depression, Christie Seibert is joined by Dr. Khouzami from Memorial Medical Center.

:45 – Live

Dr. Adib Khouzami – Perinatologist

8/08/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

STEM CELL STORAGE

Embryonic stem cells are at the center of a national debate. President Bush is expected to decide any day now on whether to use federal money to fund research. Meantime, some expectant parents are finding themselves at the center of the debate with questions about storing umbilical cord blood. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:28 – Package

Curtis Cetrulo MD – International Cord Blood Society

Joseph Zanga MD – American Academy of Pediatrics

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8/09/01, 5 PM, Thursday Ed Yeates

STENT STUDY

They've saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of heart patients. Now a Utah hospital has started clinical trials on a new type of stent. Ed Yeates has the details.

1:38 – Package

Sherman Sorensen – Nuclear physician

8/09/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

EGG DONATION

Tonight's episode of "ER" talked about egg donation. It's a complicated, lengthy process, but it gives many infertile couples a chance to have children. Dr. Leigh Vinocur reports on what's involved.

1:44 – Package

Sharon Owens – Egg donor

Dr. Gil Mottle – Endocrinologist

8/10/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

BABY IQ

Pounds equal IQ points for your baby. That's the finding of a new study that links birthweight to higher IQ scores. Helen Chickering reports.

1:08 – Package

8/10/01, 11 PM, Friday Dr. Max Gomez

CANCER CAUSES

Cancer will strike well over a million Americans this year and kill more than half a million. Scientists are still not sure whether cancer is caused by genetics, our lifestyle, or a combination of the two. But as Dr. Max Gomez reports, a new study is underway in New York to find some of those difficult answers.

1:58 – Package

Dr. Bert Petersen – Beth Israel Medical Center

Dr. Maria Mitchell – Academic Medicine Development Co.

8/13/01, 5 PM, Monday Kara Finnstrom

SPERM BOOSTER

Many couples have trouble achieving a pregnancy. Most of the time, people assume the problem is with the woman. But some urologists say that slightly more than half the time, the problem is with the man. Now a nutritional supplement claims it can help men become dads. Kara Finnstrom reports.

2:27 – Package

Dr. Samuel Peretsman – Urologist

Dr. Jacques Ganem – Urologist

8/14/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Mike Wendland

ON-LINE LAB

If you've had any medical tests done lately, you may have found yourself confused by the computer printout of the results. Mike Wendland has a website to help you sort through the confusing alphabet soup.

1:23 – Package

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8/15/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

HEARTS & DEPRESSION

What's in your head may be hurting your heart. A new study has found that depression may be a deadly risk factor for heart patients. Helen Chickering has more.

:55 - Package

8/15/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Janet Wu

SWEATING SOLUTIONS

Last week's heat wave was enough to make anybody sweat. But for some people, excessive sweating is uncontrollable, even in moderate temperatures. Janet Wu has more on medical treatment that offers instant relief in extreme cases.

2:09 - Package

Dr. Sandra Tsao - Massachusetts General Hospital

8/16/01, 5 PM, Thursday Kofi Jones

LOVE POTION

It is the herbal love potion for women. A new product on the market claims to do for women what viagra does for men. Kofi Jones has more.

1:45 - Package

Letty Ketner - Hotal Charlotte Restaurant

8/16/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

ER OVERCROWDING

On tonight's episode of ER, we saw how overcrowding of an ER can cause havoc. It's a problem nationwide. But as Dr. Leigh Vinocur points out, emergency rooms can fight back.

1:38 - Package

Dr. Lawrence Linder - ER Department Director

8/17/01, 5 PM, Friday Doreen Gentzler

COLD HAIR REMOVAL

Removing hair, there's shaving, waxing, electrolysis, and even laser hair removal. But all of those options don't work for everyone. But now there is a new kind of laser that takes the sting out of hair removal. Doreen Gentzler has more.

2:22 - Package

Troy Petenbrink - Laser patient

Dr. Bruce Rashbaum

8/17/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Deborah Ferguson

HEALTHY BEER

The old adage, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," has some competition. There is now evidence that a beer, yes beer, a day could do the same thing. Deborah Ferguson explains.

1:58 - Package

Dr. Margo Denke - UT Southwestern

8/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Dr. Sanjay Gupta

STEM CELL OBSTACLES

There's a new twist in the stem cell debate: patents and licensing agreements may threaten easy access to stem cell lines. As Dr. Sanjay Gupta reports, it's one of many obstacles researchers will likely face in the future.

1:50 - Package

Tommy Thompson - HHS Secretary

Arthur Caplan - Bioethicist

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8/20/01, 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

DRUG DEATHS

There's a warning tonight for millions of people taking popular cholesterol lowering drugs. The FDA is now reviewing reports that dozens of people have died in an effort toward lowering their cholesterol levels. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:44 - Package

Dr. Sidney Wolfe - Citizen

8/21/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

LUNG CANCER DRUG

Doctors say they have a drug that's showing promise in the fight against lung cancer. Lung cancer is usually resistant to chemotherapy drugs, but tonight there is a drug that may help some patients.

:47 - Package

8/22/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

COLONOSCOPY

Colon cancer awareness has been an issue put in the national spotlight by celebrities like Katie Couric. Now the demand for screening tests is at an all-time high, in part because of the media attention, but also because of new benefits from insurance companies. Miranda Gresko reports.

1:48 - Package

Patricia Sheffer - Colon cancer survivor

Dr. Ralph McKibbin - Gastroenterologist

8/23/01, 5 PM, Thursday Ed Yeates

GENE STUDY

Researchers have stumbled on a rare discovery. They've linked a single gene with a variety of disorders. Ed Yeates has the story.

1:48 - Package

Dr. Louis Ptacek - Institute of Human Genetics

8/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Beverly Kirk

BLOOD SUPPLY CONTROL

The government's now going to keep track of the country's blood supply. It will alert officials when the supply gets low. Beverly Kirk has more from Washington.

1:30 - Package

Dr. Gerald Sandler - Georgetown University Hospital

8/23/01, 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

CHOLESTEROL

This week's announcement that some popular cholesterol-lowering drugs are to blame for dozens of deaths nationwide is scaring some people into not taking their medication. But doctors say that may not be the best idea either. Julie Sidoni spent the day sorting it all out and joins us live.

1:06 - Package

:15 - Live

Nancy Washington - Taking Provacol

Dr. Louis Gonzalez - Conemaugh Health System

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8/24/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

VET HEALTHCARE

Veterans will now have access to more health care coverage. Veterans already receiving Medicare Part B can now receive Tricare for Life coverage.

:37 - SOT/VO

Kathy Frost - Tricare Service Manager

8/24/01, 11 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

HIDDEN HEART TROUBLE

High cholesterol is a known risk factor for heart disease. But half of all heart attacks strike people with normal cholesterol levels. They may have other risk factors that standard blood tests don't pick up. Helen Chickering reports that technology is helping doctors find those hidden risks.

1:00 - Package

Dr. Mark Houston - Internal Medicine

8/27/01, 5 PM, Monday Deborah Ferguson

ONE DAY CROWN

Do you hate going to the dentist? It's particularly irritating if you have to go back again and again for just one crown. Now there's new technology that makes one day tooth replacement possible. Deborah Ferguson has the crowning details.

1:29 - Package

Dr. Bruce Baird - dentist

8/27/01, 11 PM, Monday Katrina Ownes

RADAR CANCER

Detecting cancer in its earliest stages is always a key factor in successful treatment. Doctors will soon have a new tool to help find cancer cells even earlier than before. It's called radio-immuno-guided surgery or rigs, and as Katrina Ownes reports, researchers just received FDA approval for testing.

1:36 - Package

Dr. Edward Martin - Oncologist

8/28/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Margaret Goodell

STEM CELL CURES

Despite the national debate, some scientists say stem cells can be used to repair damaged organs in people's bodies or to cure diseases. The research approved by President Bush may help unlock some of the deepest mysteries of the human body. MDA researcher Margaret Goodell explains.

3:12 - Package

8/28/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Max Gomez

FETAL MONITOR

Doctors say a new device may help reduce the number of Caesarian deliveries. Dr. Max Gomez reports.

1:51 - Package

Luz Colon - Luis Antonio's mother

Dr. Bill Scorza - St. Peter's University Hospital

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8/29/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Kevin Soden

LASER SURGERY

Laser eye surgery is popular these days. But there are several types of the operation available. Dr. Kevin Soden shows us a new procedure that does not cut the eye.

1:09 – Package

Steve Pflugerfelder – Ophthalmolog

8/30/01, 5 PM, Thursday Ed Yeates

OVARIAN CANCER

One in seventy women is battling ovarian cancer right now. Often, the tumors become resistant to the drugs used to kill them. But as Ed Yeates reports in tonight's First Health, doctors may have a new molecular way to defeat the cancer.

1:36 – Package

Dr. Clyde Ford – Researcher

Dr. Kevin Straït – Molecular geneticist

8/30/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MENINGITIS

With the start of fall classes at many colleges, a new push is on to encourage students to get meningitis shots. The ongoing question is "Who pays for the costly shots?"

:31 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman – Centre County

8/30/01, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

STROKE CAUSES

After the death of a local woman from a stroke many believe was the attempt of a robbery against the woman, residents are questioning whether outside factors like stress and excitement can be cited as the cause of a stroke. But as it turns out, a lot depends on the person's underlying health problems or issues.

:42 – SOT/VO

Felix Brizuela, D.O. – Neurologist

8/31/01, 5 PM, Friday Doreen Gentzler

INFANT PAIN

Pain is as real for babies as it is for the rest of us. So why, when new guidelines were written for controlling pain, were newborns overlooked? Now some hospitals are coming up with their own guidelines to fill the void. Here's Doreen Gentzler.

2:38 – Package

Dr. Cherian – Neonatology

Julie Oliver, RN – Clinical manager

Ellen Agard – Nurse

8/31/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Christie Schenfeld

WEST NILE VIRUS

20 more birds in the Keystone state have tested positive for the West Nile virus. Since the birds seem to be moving into our region, how can you protect yourself? We are joined by a doctor who may be able to tell us just that.

:38 – Live

Dr. Louis Schenfeld – Special Infections specialist

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Extra 8/13/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines stroke prevention and challenges the idea that young people who appear fit and healthy can't fall victim to strokes. Dr. Teitelbaum, a neurosurgeon at the University of Southern California, explains what happens during a stroke and further advises that knowing the symptoms can save your life.

Show #: 7293

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 8/14/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines ovarian cancer. Over 25,000 women are diagnosed with the disease every year. Early detection is the key to survival, and women young and old need to be checked for the disease. The signs and symptoms are subtle and hard to diagnose, so the need to see a physician is critical.

Show #: 7295

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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9/03/01, 11:00 PM, Monday Alison Burns

CANCER GENE

There's potentially great news tonight for the thousands of kids diagnosed every year with brain cancer. Researchers in the nation's Capitol say they've isolated genes that make the cancer aggressive. Now they're working on drugs to target them and stop the cancer. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:39 - Package

Hannah Hunter - Brain cancer patient

Laura Hunter - Hannah's mom

Dietrich Stephan - Genetic researcher

Dr. Tobey MacDonald - Oncologist

9/04/01, 5:00 PM, Tuesday Diane Atwood

COLONSCOPE

You may now have an option to that not-so-pleasant colonoscopy. Diana Atwood takes a look at the new non-invasive procedure that could save your life.

2:00 - Package

Traci Bridges - Colonoscopy patient

Geetanjali Akerkar - Gastroenterologist

9/04/01, 5:00 PM, Tuesday Diane Atwood

FOOT ODORS

Let's face it, foot odor is seldom discussed around the water fountain. But many people suffer from this embarrassing and frustrating problem. Fortunately foot odor can be controlled. Here's Jen Kallin.

1:24 - Package

Dr. Ken Landow - Dermatologist

9/04/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Christy Feig

HIV RESEARCH

It's been 20 years since the first cases of aids appeared, and researchers are still looking for a vaccine for HIV. Christy Feig takes a look at where researchers stand on developing an Aids vaccine and why it's been so difficult.

1:30 - Package

Gary Nabel - National Institute on Health

9/05/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

ROBOT SURGERY

It sounds like something from a science fiction movie, robots operating on humans. But new findings show that these machines are doing a great job helping surgeons perform delicate operations. Dr. Max Gomez reports on how a robot is helping perform open heart surgery from start to finish.

1:31 - Package

Dr. M. Argenziano - Columbia-Presbyterian Center

Susan McSwiney - Heart patient

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9/05/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

EPHEDRA

The same drug that's been credited with shedding pounds and building muscles is also being blamed for causing heart attacks. Ephedra, which is found in many dietary supplements, has reportedly been linked to more than 80 deaths. As Landra Booker reports, scientists are asking the FDA to ban the drug.

1:52 – Package

John Cucci – Ephedra user

Dr. Sidney Wolfe – Public citizen

9/06/01, 5 PM, Thursday Kristy Feig

AIDS VOLUNTEERS

Imagine putting your life on the line by being injected with the aids vaccine. A handful of people are doing just that, hoping that researchers will come up with the right mixture to obliterate the virus. Kristy Feig has the story on those courageous people.

2:03 – Package

Steve Epstein – Aids vaccine volunteer

Al Cotton – Aids vaccine volunteer

Mary Allen – National Institute of Health

9/07/01, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

PREGNANCY DIET

Expecting a child requires important diet decisions. During pregnancy, you need to know what foods are harmful and which ones are beneficial to your baby. Jen Kallin has advice on how expectant moms can maintain a safe and healthy diet during pregnancy.

1:30 – Package

Amy Maki – Expectant mother

Ray Seva – Expectant father

Nancy Clark – Registered dietician

9/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ASTHMA CONTROL

Asthma kills about five thousand people every year in the United States. Even though it is a serious condition, many people either ignore or tolerate the symptoms. Now, Jen Kallin tells us about treatments that can help control asthma.

1:20 – Package

Dr. Dave Graft – Park Nicollet Clinic

9/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Dr. Max Gomez

MACULAR DEGENERATION

Ten million people in the U.S. are going blind because of macular degeneration. Dr. Max Gomez focuses on the condition and what can be done to battle it.

1:38 – Package

Dorothy Donovan – Patient

Lilyan Ladenheim – Patient

Dr. Bruce Rosenthal – Lighthouse International

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9/10/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

MEDICAL SCAM

Your doctors can't cure you, but a flyer in the mail claims to offer a miracle pill. A dietary supplement that's a miracle breakthrough. But a lawmaker in Washington D.C. says it can be a trap, a dangerous and expensive scam aimed at some of the nation's most vulnerable victims, seniors. Channel 6's Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington DC newsroom.

1:00 - Package

Glen Braswell - Gero Vita International

Sen. John Breauz - Louisiana

9/12/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

EMOTIONAL TRAUMA

The sorrow and anger that moms might be feeling in the wake of these terrorist attacks is only normal. Experts say that what we should guard against is letting our emotions rule us. That's the advice of Dr. Jim Vizza.

:48 - SOT/VO

Dr. Jim Vizza - Psychologist, Windber Medical Center

9/12/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CHILDREN REACTION

Trying to make sense of all these events is hard enough for an adult. Imagine what it is like for a child. If you're a parent, your kids have probably been asking a lot of questions about how and why this has happened. Dr. Matt Masiello says they are no doubt looking for some assurances.

1:02 - SOT/VO

Dr. Matt Masiello - Pediatrician, Memorial Medical Center

9/20/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TERROR & MENTAL HEALTH

Dealing with the terrorist attacks is taking its toll on folks all around the country. We want to tell you about a collaboration between Conemaugh Health System & WJAC-TV. We have a panel of mental health experts standing by tonight to help you deal with the emotions you may be experiencing since last week's attacks. They can also help steer you in the right direction when talking with your kids about these turbulent times. The toll free numbers are on the screen now.

9/24/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

GIFT OF LIFE

Saving lives one child at a time is the goal of the Gift of Life project. Lisa Stofko reports on a special program that's reaching across the miles to heal children's hearts.

1:40 - Package

Chad Everett - Core Runner / Organizer

Tpr. Jesse Javens - Volunteer Runner

Robbie Donno - Chairman

9/24/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Janet Wu

SLEEP PROBLEMS

If you're having problems sleeping because of the attacks September 11th, you're not alone. It seems that many of us have become insomniacs since that terrible day. Janet Wu tells us why.

1:12 - Package

John Garrison - Psychiatrist

**WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS /
ALCOHOL SEPTEMBER**

9/25/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Barry Kaufman

ARTERIAL DISEASE

Artery blockages in your leg can predict complications of heart disease and stroke. The problem is that few physicians check for leg problems. Dr. Barry Kaufman reports.

2:02 – Package

Michael Falink – P-A-D Patient

Dr. Alan Hirsch – University of Minnesota

9/25/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

STRENGTH TRAINING

When baseball star Mark McGwire admitted he used the supplement androstenedione, sales among young adults increased five fold. However, strength training and the right diet may prove to be a safer and more effective alternative. Jen Kallin tells us how to bulk up on muscle and increase athletic performance without the use of supplements.

1:09 – Package

Nancy Clark – Registered dietitian

9/28/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

EMOTIONAL AFTEREFFECT

If you're having trouble getting back to your normal routine, you're not alone. Mental health experts say that an unprecedented number of Americans are at risk of depression and other problems linked to the Sept. 11th attack. Helen Chickering reports.

1:36 – Package

Melody Foster – Nurse

Redford Williams – Psychiatrist

**HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS / ALCOHOL
SEPTEMBER**

Maury Povich 9/06/01

Host: Maury Povich

Maury introduces a number of courageous people with rare and disfiguring diseases and relates how these diseases have affected their lives. Vicky has cherubism, a condition that has deformed her face. Samantha has a purple birthmark that entirely covers her face. These and other guests relate the heartache they have suffered with their deformities.

Show #: 906-01 Syndicator: Studios USA

The Other Half 9/18/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines how people can take care of themselves during times of stress.

Show #: 918-01 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 9/19/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines how NOT to over-eat during times of stress.

Show #: 919-01 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

The Other Half 9/28/01

Host: Dick Clark, Mario Lopez, Danny Bonaduce, & Dr. Jan Adams

In one segment, The Other Half examines foods that accelerate the aging process and then offers tips on healthy eating.

Show #: 928-01 Syndicator: NBC Enterprises

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JULY

7/02/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Liz Crenshaw

ROAD EMERGENCY

If you think that you are ready to hit the road this summer, we have a question for you. Do you have an emergency road kit in the trunk of your car? Consumer reporter Liz Crenshaw says it is a good idea to have one.

2:10 – Package

Bob Livingstone – Triple A

7/02/01, 11 PM, Monday Jane Watrel

GAS PRICES

AS millions of Americans hit the road for the fourth of July holiday, a consumer group says gas prices are still too high. The Consumer Federation of America says the blame rests with American oil companies and refiners. Jane Watrel has more from Washington.

1:18 – Package

Edward Ridgell – Moving from NH to GA

Howard Metzenbaum – Consumer Federation of America

Jack Weller – Alabama

Mark Cooper – Consumer Federation of America

7/05/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

HOTEL SURTAX

The effects of rolling blackouts and energy problems in California and the Midwest are now being felt by summer travelers all across the country. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson has the details.

1:44 – Package

Cheryl Elkins – Navigant International

7/05/01, 11 PM, Thursday Ross Guidotti

ALCOPOPS

They've got names like hard lemonade, ice, and hooch. They look innocent and taste like soft drinks. They're called alcopops and critics say they may be drawing kids into alcoholism. Ross Guidotti has more in this special report.

2:02 – Package

Norm Sunday – Bargain Beer and Pop

David Jaragen – Anti-Drinking advocate

Corine Kovalsky – Mike's Hard Lemonade

7/09/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

CALL THE COUNSELOR

Did you ever have a legal question, but didn't have the money to make an appointment with an attorney to get an answer. WJAC-TV is giving you an opportunity to speak to a panel of legal experts here in our studio.

:40 – Live

7/09/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

TUNA

Tuna's packed with protein and low in fat. However, which brand tastes the best? Consumer Reports tested some new products as well as some old standby's. Consumer reporter Becky Thompson has the results in tonight's NewsCenter 6 Consumer alert.

1:18 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JULY

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7/10/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Vallese

HIGH CHAIR RECALL

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued its third largest high chair recall ever. Stores are pulling Perego High Chairs because of their potential for injury. Julie Vallese explains in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer alert.

1:14 - Package

Ann Brown - CPSC Chairman

7/11/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

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:40 - Live

7/11/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Andrew Glassman

LOST MACHINES

They're what keeps your lives in order - cell phones, laptop computers, or palm pilots. But what do you do if they are MIA? At least two internet sites claim they can increase your chances of seeing your high tech devices again. Andrew Glassman reports.

2:39 - Package

Scott Edwards - CEO Stuffbak

7/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday I. J. Hudson

DVD OPTIONS

You've heard a lot about them and you may even have one, a DVD player. Rental companies have been doing a booming business with them. But now you have another option for borrowing your favorite movies. I. J. Hudson has the story.

1:32 - Package

James Rocchi - NETFLIX

7/13/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

VACATIONS

You're counting down the days to your first vacation in years. But imagine that, only weeks before you are scheduled to leave, the tour company goes out of business. With your money gone, what would you do? NewsCenter 6's Becky Thompson met a family that had that nightmare come true, but still found a way to get their dream vacation.

1:31 - Package

Mary Ann McCabe - AAA member

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JULY

7/13/01, 11 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

FAIR FOOD

If you plan to eat from a vending booth at a county fair or carnival, there are some things you need to know, like where they get the food and what you'll be eating. Becky Thompson has the details in this NewsCenter 6 special report.

3:12 – Package

John Stella – Regional Dir. Food Safety, Dept of Agriculture

7/16/01, 11 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

DANGEROUS PRODUCTS

The Consumer Product Safety Commission pulls potentially dangerous and even deadly products off store shelves every week. Brigette Langmade has more on some recently recalled items that could be hiding in your house.

2:14 – Package

7/17/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ruth Spencer

MOSQUITO HELP

You'll go to great lengths in the battle against mosquitoes each summer. Which products work best to keep mosquitoes away? Ruth Spencer reports.

1:22 – Package

Dr. Rich Merritt – Entomologist

7/17/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

WORK AT HOME

You've lost your job or maybe you're looking for a way to earn some extra cash. Over the years, West Central Pennsylvania has become a prime target for so-called work-at-home schemes. As Lisa Stofko reports, this is another case of "buyer beware."

1:58 – Package

Amy Roxby – Salix

Bob Schultz – Johnstown

Barry Creany – Deputy Attorney General

7/18/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Gerri Helfman

2-DAY DIET

Do you want to lose two pounds in only two days, and eat three meals and three snacks while doing it? There's a new diet going around called Pam Oliver's Two Day Diet. Gerri Helfman checks it out to see if the claims are true.

2:25 – Package

Pam Oliver – Diet creator

Barbara Alfonso – Happy with results

Douglas Kalman – Nutritionist

7/18/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Leah Spangler

PRIVATE EYES

You probably have one in your wallet or on your key chain, a plastic card the cashier scans when you checkout at the supermarket. Lots of times it saves you money. But is there a cost when it comes to your privacy? Here's Leah Spangler with this NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

1:40 – Package

Gene Shaefer – Westmont

Eunice Stockwell – Southmont

Laura Karet – Giant Eagle

John McGrath – Marketing expert

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JULY

7/20/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Roseanne Colletti

FAST FOOD

Picking up fast food can save you time and money. But you can also pack on the pounds if you're not careful. Roseanne Colletti shows us how to count calories in the fast food lane.

2:00 – Package

Emily Listfield – Fitness Magazine

7/23/01, 5 PM, Monday Tylar Bacome

ONION OFF

If you do much cooking, you know how hard it is to remove some odors from your hands. But for only a few bucks, you can wipe out the smells in just seconds. But does this miracle product work? Tylar Bacome did a test of his own.

1:37 – Package

Cindy King – Nancy's Home Cooking

7/24/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Liz Crenshaw

EXTENDED WARRANTIES

The sale's rep has rung up your major purchase, like a computer or a car. Now for the big question; would you like to buy the extended warranty? They're great deals for retailers but what about for you? Liz Crenshaw has more in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

3:50 – Package

Pamela Kennedy – Warranty purchaser

David Butler – Consumers Union

Roseanne Benn – Consumer

7/25/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Beverly Kirk

TIRE PRESSURE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued new rules to keep you and your family safe. They're demanding that cars made after November 2003 be fitted with tire pressure warning systems. Beverly Kirk has more.

1:30 – Package

Steve Gehring – General Motors

7/26/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Beverly Kirk

FOOD LABELS

A consumer advocacy group says many food labels are misleading and wants the Food & Drug Administration to put an end to what it calls deceptive labeling. The Center for Science in the Public Interest says the F-D-A should require new labels that tell the percentage of ingredients so that consumers will know what is in their food. Beverly Kirk has more from Washington.

1:30 – Package

7/27/01, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

PRIVACY RIGHTS

Earlier this month, we told you how to be careful when throwing away personal information in the trash. Tonight, we have another consumer alert involving your garbage and your privacy. NewsCenter 6's Becky Thompson has more.

1:41 – Package

Mark Aronson – Consumer Advocate

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JULY

7/30/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Ann Kellan

COMPUTER SURVEILLANCE

Do you know who is watching you when you're surfing the web? Ann Kellan takes a look at the software that's taking a look at you.

2:07 – Package

Mark Rasch – Internet lawyer

Doug Fowler – CEO, Spectorsoft

7/30/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

PLAYYARDS

If you have kids, you probably have at least one play pen or play yard sitting in your house. They are convenient. But as NewsCenter 6's Becky Thompson tells us, they also can cause big trouble.

1:29 – Package

Kerry Reynolds – Mother

Werner Freitag – Consumer Reports

7/30/01, 11 PM, Monday James Hattori

CODE RED WORM

It's called Code Red Worm and it's programmed to infect hundreds of thousands of computers. James Hattori has more on what it means for you and how to protect your computer.

1:29 – Package

7/31/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

WORM

Computer users: Beware! The worm could wiggle its way through your hard drive. NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade has more on what you should look for.

1:50 – Package

James Lucier – Internet Security Expert

7/31/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Anita Lopez

BIKE FIT

Bike shops are seeing the seasonal wave of buyers, and even more could hit the road on the heels of Lance Armstrong's victory in the Tour de France. As Anita Lopez reports, before you spend big bucks on a new bike, you really should know how to make it worth every penny.

1:57 – Package

Ron Kiefel – Wheatridge Cyclery

CONSUMER NEWS JULY

Extra 7/2/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra's travel detective Peter Greenberg looks at airport chaos and what fliers can do about it. The problem is nothing to laugh at: the excuses are endless. They range from weather delays to plane mechanical problems. With tons of half-truths and misleading information, consumers may think there is nothing to be done. That's because they don't know about Rule 240.

Show #: 7257

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/9/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, "Smart Money" magazine's Lauren Young says there are five things you need to know that your spa won't tell you. In our hectic and hurry-up lives, spas are a refuge of relaxation. Stressed out Americans are making 95 million spa visits a year. That's why there are some important precautions people need to know.

Show #: 7263

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/18/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Sexy smooth and beautiful legs are what every woman wants. Instead, most end up with dreaded cellulite. A new product claims to change all that. Cellulite pantyhose claims that stockings treated with the chemical theophylline acetate will tighten the skin and smooth out cellulite. Plastic surgeon Dr. Thomas Taylor disagrees, arguing the change is only temporary and based on the compression theory of squeezing out fluid. Extra examines the argument.

Show #: 7272

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/23/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

It was a storybook beginning. But Felicia and Ricki Lehr stopped smiling when the big day arrived. They don't have happy memories of their wedding day when everything was wrong. Extra offers suggestions on how you can avoid wedding day disasters and get what you pay for.

Show #: 7275

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

CONSUMER NEWS JULY

Extra 7/24/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Remember the good old days of airline travel? The champagne, caviar, and those friendly stewardesses who served first rate feasts no matter where you sat? Now it is rare to get more than a snack. Consumer Reports travel editor William McGee studied the largest U.S. carriers offering full economy meals and offers tips on how to avoid a bad in-flight meal.

Show #: 7277

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS AUGUST

8/01/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

FAKE LOANS

Remodeling offers may come as flyers left in your mailbox or you may get a knock on the door from a salesman offering guaranteed federal loans for remodeling programs in your community. They are carefully worded pitches that can often cost you more than you can afford. Becky Thompson explains what home-owners need to watch out for in this NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

2:36 – Package

Chris Reay – Homeowner

Richard Nemoytin – HUD Director

8/03/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Landra Booker

JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

Is the Jeep Grand Cherokee a danger to drivers and passengers? The government is looking into claims that the SUV shifts out of gear on its own. With more on the investigation, let's go live to NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker.

:44 – Live

8/03/01, 5 PM, Friday Tylar Bacome

AIR CONDITIONING BUDGET

Today's wet weather may have forced you to shut your windows and turn on your air conditioners. But how can you get that cool air and still keep your cask? Tylar Bacome has the low down on cooling down on a budget.

1:43 – Package

John Kidder –Customer

J.R. Clark – AC Repairman

8/03/01, 5 PM, Friday Kristie Kim

SUNBLOCK

More than one million Americans will find out if they have skin cancer this year. But preventing the disease is simple, limit your sun exposure. That is getting easier thanks to innovations in sun protection. Kristie Kim shows us the latest in sun block breakthroughs and how to get the most for your dollar.

2:33 – Package

Dan Sheehan – Melanoma patient

Dr. Howard Koh – MA Public Health Commission

8/03/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

COOPER TIRES

Tonight in our consumer investigation, a local man lost the tread on his new tire and barely escaped a near-fatal accident. This accident involved a Cooper tire. Is it an isolated case, or another in a series of incidents involving Cooper tires? Consumer investigator Becky Thompson has the details.

3:34 – Package

Joe Scalamonga – Tire customer

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS AUGUST

8/06/01, 5:30 PM, Monday I. J. Hudson

PDA SQUAREOFF

Most people call them P-D-A's or personal digital assistants. There are two basic versions vying for positions as the market leader. Which one is best? I.J. Hudson explains.

2:02 – Package

Shawn Googins – Palm Supporter

Ray Wiley – Pocket PC supporter

8/07/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

PHOTO DEVELOPING

Do one-hour photo labs live up to their promise? If the promise is one hour, you would expect to get your pictures back in an hour. But, as Newscenter 6's consumer investigator Becky Thompson discovered, that's not always the case.

1:58 – Package

8/07/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

GOD FRAUD

Faith-based frauds have cheated thousands of Americans out of more than a billion dollars, and tonight investigators are warning potential victims to look out for religious investment schemes. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:00 – Package

8/07/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

DECK STAIN

Most people like to spend summer nights sitting on their decks, and you want your deck to last as long as possible. You treat it with a stain or sealer to protect the wood, but does it really work? Becky Thompson has the answer in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer report.

1:50 – Package

Charlie Spatola – Consumer Reports

8/08/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

OIL CHANGE

Although more and more people are going to a garage or quick lube shop to get their oil changed, about half of us still change our own oil. Doing it yourself costs about half as much. Consumer Reports tested some devices designed to make the job less of a mess. NewsCenter 6's Becky Thompson reports on the results.

1:32 – Package

Steve Diflora – Changes own oil

Kim Kleman – Consumer Reports

8/10/01, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

FLYING DELAYS

Airline delays and cancellations are soaring. More than 25% of all flights last year didn't arrive on time. This year doesn't look much better. NewsCenter 6's Becky Thompson has found ways to increase your odds of getting where you're going on time.

1:08 – Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS AUGUST

8/10/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

LAWN MOWERS

This dry hot weather means that not much grass needs to be cut. But if you are in the market for a new lawn mower, Becky Thompson takes a look at some self-propelled ones and how well they work in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

1:19 - Package

John Galeotafliore - Consumer Reports

8/13/01, 11 PM, Monday Mark Thornhill

TOUCHSAFE TECHNOLOGY

E-commerce may be in a slump, but an Alabama businessman may have his finger on the pulse of the industry. He has come up with technology that could make it safe to make purchases over the internet. Mark Thornhill has the lowdown.

2:04 - Package

John Cockerham - Touchsafe CEO

8/14/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Bob Mayer

CAR LEASES

Many of you may not be paying the high price of owning your dream car, you're leasing it instead. But as Bob Mayer reports, leasing could have you digging deeper into your wallet after all.

1:35 - Package

Mike Penn - Williamson Cadillac

Frank Marsala - Kendall Toyota

Joy Lundeen - Leased car

8/17/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Vallese

ODOMETER FRAUD

Odometer fraud is a 10 billion dollar a year industry, and it is illegal. Many victims don't even realize there is such a scam. Julie Vallese explains how technology is keeping an old-time fraud alive and how you can avoid it.

1:39 - Package

Ernestina Friarson - Car buyer

Dick Morse - Director of Odometer Fraud

8/20/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jerry Cobb

CD COPIES

If you have a CD burner, you know just how easy it is to make a copy of your favorite tunes. But as Jerry Cobb reports, record labels are fighting back with some new technology you need to know about before you burn another CD.

2:40 - Package

William Krepick - Macrovision President

Brian McPhail - Macrovision VP

8/21/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Christie Siebert

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It's just a few short days till your kids will be heading back to the classroom. One of the traditional parts of getting ready is back-to-school shopping for supplies. But before you spend a lot of money, you need to know just what your children will need. As Christie Seibert tells us, most local districts already provide most of what your child will need.

1:37 - Package

Susan Frear - Westmont Elementary

Dave Alwine - Manager, Staples

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS AUGUST

8/21/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

LOAN RATES

When interest rates are cut like they were today, the number of homeowners taking advantage of the lower rate tends to increase. But as Lisa Stofko reports, you'd better do your homework first.

1:12 - Package

Peter Coy - "Business Week"

8/22/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

SCOOTER DANGERS

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is issuing a warning about motorized scooters. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:47 - Package

Christina Johns - Emergency Physician

Marthina Coward - CPSC

Debra Stefanescu - Son injured on scooter

8/28/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jim Snyder

HOME CLEANERS

If the cabinet under your kitchen sink is anything like mine, it is probably stuffed with all kinds of cleaners. Did you ever figure out just how much cash you've blown on all that stuff? Jim Snyder shows you how to make your own at a fraction of the cost.

2:16 - Package

Michele Van Laar - Mom

8/29/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

GAS PRICES

The price at the pumps is on the rise. Experts say U.S. gasoline use is outpacing U.S. gasoline production, and that's why we're paying for it. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:49 - Package

Edward Murphy - American Petroleum Institute

8/31/01, 5 PM, Friday Landra Booker

MEDICARE DROP

If you're on Medicare, the government has a warning for you. Many private health companies may be dropping you. Channel 6's Landra Booker has more from Washington.

1:50 - Package

Marty Corry - AARP

CONSUMER NEWS AUGUST

Extra 8/2/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Raise your hand, make a bid. It's an exciting way to buy. Now the real action is on-line. Nearly 6.2 million buyers each month are pointing and clicking their way to two and a half billion dollars in cyber sales last year. In one segment, Extra tells you everything you need to know before you do business on-line.

Show #: 7285 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 8/7/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines so-called health food. What's wrong when you're eating healthy foods and exercising, and you're still gaining weight? Andrea Giancoli, a nutritionist with the Los Angeles County Health Department, says not to be fooled by fancy packaging that promises to peel away the fat. She advises viewers to read the nutrition facts on the labels.

Show #: 7289 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 8/15/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

With all the expensive exercise equipment on the market, you may think that getting in shape is an expensive proposition. In one segment of today's show, Extra demonstrates how just two dumbbells can provide a complete and thorough workout.

Show #: 7296 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 8/29/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Three New York City girls in search of whiter teeth give Extra the opportunity to put three popular whitening methods to the test. The methods include laser treatments, gel trays, and over the counter strips. Extra compares effectiveness, cost, time, and inconvenience in order to determine what is the best method for each individual's needs.

Show #: 7308 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS SEPTEMBER

9/03/01, 6:00 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

INTERNET TAXES

You may be getting a deal when you shop on the internet. But some state leaders are worried that sales tax-free shopping could hurt states where it matters most. Channel 6's Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:18 - Package

Ed Hudgins - Policy analyst

Harley Duncan - Federation of Tax Administration

9/05/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TIMESHARES

Timeshares can add value and luxury to your vacation with all the amenities of home. Jen Kallin has some advice on timeshares and what you should know before you make a long term vacation commitment.

1:24 - Package

Linda Ruane - Timeshare owner

Amy Dunkin - Business Week

9/05/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

BABY MONEY TRAPS

Shopping for a new baby is not only an emotional experience, but for most parents, it's often a costly one too. Channel six's Lisa Stofko has some tips on pitfalls to avoid.

1:27 - Package

Deb Abdou - Mother

Diane Harris - Family Finance Expert

9/06/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

CELL PHONE

If you use a cell phone, be prepared to pay a new added surcharge. In this case, it's a cost that may save a life. With more on the new cell phone fees, here's Gary Sinderson live from State College.

:19 - Live

:58 - Package

Tameka Boggs - Cell phone user

Dan Tancibok - Centre County 911 coordinator

9/18/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julia Yarbough

LABEL LIES

Do you read food labels carefully to keep track of your caloric intake? Do you buy diet foods that boast of low sugar and carbohydrates? If you're relying on those labels, your trust may have been replaced. As Julia Yarbough reports, Florida lawmakers are leading the fight to get the word out to consumers.

1:40 - Package

Gila Burke - Consumer

Sen. Steven Geller - Florida

Charles Bronson - Dept. of Agriculture

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS SEPTEMBER

9/19/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

AIRPORT CHANGES

Airlines and passengers are now working together to make sure we never see another day like Sept. 11th. So what can customers do to speed up the check-in process? Sophia Wharton is live at the airport with more.

1:25 - Package

:15 - Live

Joseph D. McKelvey - Executive Director

Michelle Tononi - Fort Worth, TX

9/28/01, 5 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

REAL ESTATE AGENT

How can you make a smart choice when you're looking for a real estate agent? The relationship between a real estate agent working for a buyer is critical to successfully finding the right home. Here's Jen Kallin with more.

1:18 - Package

Robert Irwin - Author

Connie Parfet - Real Estate agent

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . JULY

7/02/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

ATV LAWS

New State laws will require those who ride ATV four wheelers to register their vehicles by the end of October. This comes as legislators are trying to strike a balance between ATV enthusiasts who want more trails and environmentalists worried about the damage the vehicles cause in State forests.

:34 - SOT/VO

Scott Fletcher - ATV Dealer

7/02/01, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

GUN SALES

The Justice Department says fewer people are buying guns. There was an 11% drop last year in the number of people trying to buy guns from licensed firearms dealers. Experts attribute the drop to a drop in the crime rate.

:39 - SOT/VO

Gordon Diehl - Bedford County Sheriff

7/16/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

BUSH ENERGY PLAN

Your heating bills have been astronomical and filling up your gas tank has been a roller coaster ride. President Bush thinks he has got the solution to all of that and more, and he has Vice President Dick Cheney explaining. Julie Sidoni has more.

1:45 - Package

Sen. Arlen Specter - Pennsylvania

Sen. Rick Santorum - Pennsylvania

Dana Henry - Chamber of Commerce

7/17/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

STEM CELL RESEARCH

President Bush struggles over whether to spend Federal money on stem cell research, and lawmakers on each side of the aisle go head to head on the debate. Helen Chickering reports.

1:16 - Package

Dr. John Gearhart - John Hopkins

Lucinda Borden - Adopted embryos

7/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Julie Sidoni

CHINESE PROTESTERS

The issue of human rights violations in China came to Penn State today. The demonstrators on campus are practicing what is called falun gong, a spiritual approach in improving the mind and body through meditation and exercise. But the Chinese government calls them a subversive political group and has subjected the members to torture and in some cases, death.

:36 - SOT/VO

Estelle Morgan - Falun Gong spokesperson

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7/18/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jane Watrel

STEM CELL

There's debate on Capitol Hill on one of the most contentious medical questions facing the White House – whether to fund stem cell research. Today, a key Bush ally weighed in on the debate, giving hope to the supporters of the controversial issue. Jane Watrel has more from Washington.

1:55 – Package

Sen. Bill Frist – Tennessee

Richard Doerflinger – Conference of Catholic Bishops

John Borden – Father

Jackie Singer – Stem cell supporter

7/20/01, 11 PM, Friday Landra Booker

KIDS AND VIOLENCE

Violent entertainment, kids, and Congress. The debate continued today on Capitol Hill about who is supposed to protect children from explicit material. Industry critics say music, video game, and movie makers still aren't doing enough. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

2:04 – Package

7/23/01, 11 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

TWO DRINK MAX

A California senator is trying to fight back against air rage by limiting the number of drinks you can be served on a domestic flight. Brigette Langmade has the details from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:50 – Package

Sen. Feinstein – California

Candace Kolander – Assoc. of Flight Attendants

Edward Hudgins – Regulatory expert

7/25/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jim Hanchett

ENTERTAINMENT RATINGS

Parents, who do you think should be in charge of rating the shows and movies your kids watch? That's the issue in front of lawmakers. Jim Hanchett reports.

1:45 – Package

Laura Smit – Rating reform advocate

William Baldwin – Creative Coalition president

7/25/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

TV RATINGS

Senators on Capitol Hill are turning the tables on the entertainment ratings system by rating them on how well they inform parents. Lawmakers say labels on movies, music, and television programs don't go far enough in helping parents protect their kids from inappropriate material. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:59 – Package

Laura Smif – Mother

Bill Baldwin – Creative Coalition

Jack Valenti – Motion Picture Assoc. of America

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7/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

OXYCONTIN

The Federal Government warns doctors to be careful when they give prescriptions for the drug oxycontin. The powerful pain killer is being abused across the country, even right here in the streets of Western Pennsylvania. Now the Food & Drug Administration is trying to put an end to that. Jon Meyer is live with more.

:48 – Package

:16 – Live

"Karen" – Former oxycontin addict

Dr. Luis Gonzalez – Pharmacologist

7/30/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Eileen O'Connor

ECSTASY EXPLOSION

Congress tries to keep your kids off one dangerous club drug. Lawmakers are holding hearings to find out how they can stop ecstasy. Eileen O'Connor has more.

2:08 – Package

Dr. Alan Leshner – National Institute on Drug Abuse

Dr. Charles Grob – Harbor UCLA Medical Center

Tim Santamour – Executive Director Dancesafe

7/30/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Alison Burns

NURSING HOME ABUSE

Congressional Democrats are releasing a disturbing new report about some of the horrible things that happen to America's senior citizens in nursing homes. The report finds dramatic increases in the number of nursing homes accused of abusing their residents. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

2:03 – Package

7/31/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jim Hanchett

ELECTION REFORM

Remember the hanging chad? A commission that includes two former presidents hasn't forgotten. Today that commission unveiled its recommendations for election reform. President Bush says he agrees with most of the suggestions. Jim Hanchett has the latest from Washington.

1:30 – Package

Maxine Waters – California

7/31/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

ELECTION OVERHAUL

The nation's election system may be in for a major overhaul. A commission of two former presidents unveiled a plan for preventing the voter ordeals that plagued last year's presidential election. Alison Burns has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:44 – Package

Shane Amerman – voter

Rachel Hess – voter

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7/31/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

SCOOTER LEGISLATION

Over the past year and a half, the popularity of scooters has sky-rocketed. So also has the number of scooter-related injuries. Now, lawmakers are stepping in to protect your children. State House committees debated a bill which would require all kids under the age of 12 to wear a helmet when on a scooter. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen talked to one doctor about the need for such a law.

1:38 – Package

Dr. Barbara Gaines – Children's hospital

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Extra **7/16/01**

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the issue of stem cell research. Stem cells taken from human embryos hold the promise of curing often fatal illnesses that affect all of us – heart disease, diabetes, ms. While it is too late for former president Ronald Reagan to benefit from the research, his son Ron is excited about the possibility of helping millions of people in the future. Politically, he believes his father would not have stood in the way of science despite the fact that he was not pro-choice. Extra examines the politics of the controversial research.

Show #: 7269

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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8/01/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

STEM CELLS

Lawmakers debated medical advances, ethics, and stem cells on Capitol Hill. Doctors say they can treat a handful of conditions with stem cells, but should they? NewsCenter 6's Allison Burns has more on the ethical questions.

1:20 – Package

8/02/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Beverly Kirk

PATIENT'S BILL

The Patients' Bill of Rights is at the center of debate today on Capitol Hill. The House is considering a compromise worked out between President Bush and Congressman Charlie Norwood. Now many Democrats are lining up to oppose the Norwood compromise, saying it protects insurance companies, not patients. Beverly Kirk has more from Washington.

1:05 – Package

Rep. Dick Cephhardt – Minority Leader

Rep. John Boehner – Ohio

Ari Fleischer – White House spokesman

8/02/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

CREATIONISM

Should Creationism be taught in America's public schools? Pennsylvania's Junior Senator says "yes." But Rick Santorum has angered scientists and science teachers by making creationism part of the Bush administration Education Bill. Brigitte Langmade has both sides of the debate live from Washington D.C.

:40 – Live

8/03/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

MENINGITIS

Should meningitis shots be required for all Pennsylvania college students? State lawmakers are considering making it mandatory, and universities like Penn State are investigating the costs involved. With more on the vaccination debate, Gary Sinderson joins us live from University Park.

:16 – Live

:57 – Package

Dr. Ed Rosik – University Health Center

8/09/01, 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

STEM CELL

Tonight President Bush announced he will permit federal funding of stem cell research on an extremely limited basis. It's an issue that involves moral questions and cutting edge medicine. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

2:08 – Package

8/10/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Beverly Kirk

STEM CELL REACTION

There is strong reaction to President Bush's decision for limited funding of embryonic stem cell research. Reaction from both sides of the issue is coming both locally and nationally. Here's Beverly Kirk with the latest.

1:30 – Package

Karen Hughes – White House advisor

Ken Connor – Family Research Council

Michael J. Fox – Actor

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8/14/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SENIOR PRESCRIPTIONS

As the cost of prescription drugs continue to climb, senior citizens, many of them on a fixed income, are especially hard hit. State legislators say they are not waiting for the Federal government to respond to allegations of price gouging by drug manufacturers.

:45 - SOT/VO

Sen. Michael O'Pake - 11th District

8/16/01, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

WELFARE REFORMS

A dramatic new study out of Washington challenges what many consider welfare success in Pennsylvania. Alison Burns has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:19 - Package

Shaun Bernier - Study's author

8/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Alison Burns

MEDICARE COSTS

The federal government is planning this week to slash Medicare payments for some high tech and innovative medical procedures. The cuts mean some outpatient operations normally covered by Medicare may no longer be offered. Alison Burns is live with the latest.

1:10 - Package

:16 - Live

Susan Donahue - Cardiac surgeon

Sharon Brigner - Center to Preserve Medicare

8/21/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BLOOD SUPPLIES

While the need for blood grows all across the United States, supplies are critically low. So now the Food and Drug Administration is getting into the act. For the first time, the FDA is getting involved in regulation of the US blood supply.

:35- SOT/VO

Marianne Spampinato - American Red Cross

8/21/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

BUDGET SURPLUS

President Bush is defending his ten-year 1.35 trillion tax cut. He says that it is not breaking the budget and threatening Social Security and Medicare as Democrats charge. Beverly Kirk has the latest from Washington.

:55 - Package

Robert Greenstein - Center on Budget & Policy

8/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

SOCIAL SECURITY DEBATE

Will Social Security be there for you when you retire? The battle over the future of the ailing Social Security system is raging in Washington as the president's commission on strengthening Social Security meets today. Brigitte Langmade is live in Washington D.C. with more.

:17 - Live

1:05 - Package

Sen. Daniel Moynihan - New York

Kim Gandy - President, NOW

Maureen Calliher - Widow

Matthew Niem - Pennsylvania protester

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9/03/01, 6:00 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

REDISTRICTING

As politicians head back to work this week, one big issue looming on the legislative horizon is redistricting, drawing the new boundary lines for State and Federal lawmakers. Among the places where the process is being closely watched is State College. More now from Gary Sinderson.

1:30 – Package

Sen. Jake Corman – Centre County

John Peterson – 5th District

Connie Lucas – Centre County Commissioner

9/04/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brooke Hart

BUDGET BATTLE

President Bush and Congress return to Washington this week poised for a bruising budget battle this Fall. Even before your money is doled out, blame is flying about government programs getting short-changed. Here's more from Brooke Hart in Washington.

1:10 – Package

Sen. Trent Lot – Minority Leader

Sen. Kent Conrad – North Dakota

Ari Fleischer – White House spokesman

9/05/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Kathleen Koch

ANTI ABORTION CAMPAIGN

Conservative activists will launch a new anti-abortion campaign this week. The focus of the campaign will not be on clinics, but against judges who rule on this issue. Kathleen Koch reports.

1:40 – Package

Janet Folger – "Shake The Nation" campaign

Marshall Wittmann – Hudson Institute

Richard Lessner – American Renewal

9/06/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jane Watrel

IRS WEBSITE

Paying taxes to Uncle Sam is now just a mouse click away. The government has unveiled its electronic Federal tax payment system website. It's a free way for Americans to file taxes from your desktop computer. Jane Watrel has more from Washington.

1:24 – Package

Julie Sullivan – Designed new system

Charles Rossotti – IRS Commissioner

9/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

RESERVISTS ACTIVATION

The U.S. Government is calling up 35 thousand reservists, as it prepares for war. But where will these servicemen be going and what will they be doing when they get there? Channel 6's Alison Burns sheds some light on the issue.

1:50 – Package

9/19/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

AIRLINE BAILOUT

Thousands are being laid off and airlines are losing millions of dollars. Now members of Congress are rallying behind the airline industry as it slides further into financial crisis following last Tuesday's attack. Alison Burns has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:44 – Package

Leo Mullin – Delta Airlines CEO

Rep. James Oberstar – Minnesota

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9/20/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

RIDGE APPOINTMENT

The President has appointed Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge to the new cabinet position of Secretary of Homeland Defense. While the governor rejected an earlier offer to serve in the Bush administration in favor of fulfilling his term as governor, tonight he said that the call to serve could not be turned down this time.

:51 - SOT/VO

Governor Tom Ridge

9/25/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

PILOT PISTOLS

Should pilots pack weapons in the cockpit? The president of the Pilot's Association says armed pilots may prevent hijackings. Industry experts answered tough questions from the House Aviation subcommittee today in Washington. Channel 6's Landra Booker reports.

1:50 - Package

Duane Woerth - Airline Pilots Association

Patricia Friend - Association of Flight Attendants

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7/04/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Nerissa Witherspoon

HOUSE SAFETY

When you're at home, you may feel safe, but with your guard down, you might be an easy target for intruders. Nerissa Witherspoon offers some expert advice about staying safe at home.

2:11 – Package

Nina White – Mom

LaruaLee Asch – Santa Monica Police

Kevin Bass – Self-defense instructor

Shymala Velappan – Self-defense student

Linda Jackson – Jewish Hospital

7/09/01, 11 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

LAWN MOWER SAFETY

Tonight, there are new recommendations and a warning about the operation of lawn mowers. Each year more than 230 thousand people are injured in mower accidents and 75 people die. Many of those victims are children. Becky Thompson shows us how to be more careful through one child's journey to recovery.

3:06 – Package

George Bowman – Hilari's dad

Sara Bowman – Hilari's mom

7/10/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

CHILDREN AND COMPUTERS

Are children spending too much time on computers? There's a growing belief that computers and video games are eroding the development of children. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen has the details.

1:58 – Package

Jamie Goldstein – 12 years old

Richard Goldstein – Father

Joan Almon – Child Development expert

Dr. Tom Armstrong – Child Development expert

7/12/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

PLAYPEN DEATHS

Mattel and the government have teamed up to keep your kids safe when they're in their playpens. It's called "Sleep Safe, Play Safe." It shows just how easy your child could be smothered. Brigitte Langmade has more.

1:55 – Package

7/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Steve Garagiola

MOSQUITO TIPS

Have mosquitoes been bugging you? Steve Garagiola has some suggestions on how to keep the little biters and other flying insects at bay.

1:21 – Package

Dr. Rich Merrit – Entomologist

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7/17/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SPECIAL PLAYGROUND

If you have a child who is disabled, you know how difficult it can be for him or her to move about and play in an ordinary playground. It's just not constructed with them in mind. In Johnstown, there is a grassroots effort to change that.

1:37 – Package

Theresa Rowe – Mother

Rachel Allen – C.O.N.C.E.P.T. Member / Mom

Cliff Kitner – Johnstown Recreation Director

7/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Chris Clackum

HIGHWAY SAFETY TESTS

The safety of two popular vehicles on America's highways has been called into question. One car and one van received poor ratings for problems relating to leaky fuel tanks and airbags that don't deploy fast enough. Chris Clackum has more.

1:15 – Package

7/18/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

PARENTING AND TRAMPOLINES

Trampolines have become common in backyards across the country. But medical experts warn parents to look before they let their children leap. Lisa Stofko has a look at what parents should know.

1:26 – Package

Lisa Curwen – Mother

Janet Siroto – Family Life Magazine

7/19/01, 5 PM, Thursday Margaret Radford

TEFLON FUMES

Could you be cooking up a batch of chemicals along with your dinner? The pollutant just might be a chemical commonly called Teflon. Margaret Radford reports.

1:18 – Package

Milicia Radovanic – Nonstick cookware user

7/23/01, 6 PM, Monday Jay Patrick

SWIMMING SAFETY

Today we begin a special series on how to stay healthy this summer. NewsCenter 6 and Conemaugh Health System have joined forces to keep you safe. Tonight, Jay Patrick looks at swimming safety.

2:21 – Package

Dr. James Eckenrode – Director of Emergency Services

Connie Parker – YMCA swimming instructor

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7/24/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

BEAT THE HEAT

Hazy, hot, and humid; the lazy days of summer can be dangerous for some people. What can you do to beat the heat? Miranda Gresko reports.

1:34 - Package

Sherry Anthony - Altoona

Jacob Aggas - Butler

Dr. Scott Magley - Altoona Hospital

7/24/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

BOYS & GUNS

A study provides a startling revelation concerning guns and boys. Statistics show that 80 percent of unintentional gun shot injuries in children involve boys. The research shows that even if you teach boys about gun safety, they will ignore what they have learned if they find a gun. Dr. Mike Rosen has some eye-opening video tape.

1:30 - Package

Rudy Newborn - shot himself

Leslie Newborn - Rudy's mother

Dr. Harold Simon - Researcher

7/24/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

CAR CLUTTER

We all do it from time to time, let trash and other clutter build up in the car. Experts say that that nasty habit can actually affect your health by making you feel stressed out and overwhelmed. Over a million Americans have symptoms of hoarding and cluttering. Lisa Stofko has some tips on how to regain control.

1:10 - Package

Harriet Schechter - Author

7/24/01, 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SUN SAFETY

Continuing our special series on summer safety, tonight we look at why you should never try to get a healthy tan. The fact is that the term "healthy tan" is as dangerous as "friendly fire." You may think a little sunburn is nothing more than a little discomfort. You could be wrong, dead wrong.

2:07 - Package

Tom Pomroy - Victim of sunburn

Dr. Renee Mathur - Conemaugh dermatologist

7/25/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Ed Fillmer

HANDS FREE

If you have plans to drive to Colorado in the future, you may want to leave the cell phone at home. Colorado is the latest state to consider banning hand-held cell phones for drivers. Ford is installing hands-free cell phones in next year's models. Ed Fillmer takes a look at how the new equipment helps make driving and talking safer.

1:37 - Package

Doug Daniels - V.P. Cellport Systems

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7/25/01, 6 PM, Wednesday Tim Rigby

HEAT EXHAUSTION

There is no denying it, it is hot outside. What can you do to keep the heat from landing you in the emergency room? Tim Rigby has more on how to beat heat exhaustion.

2:32 – Package

Dr. Daniel Wehner – Memorial Medical Center

Ron Stenger – Youth Baseball coach

7/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

CLEAN AIR

A recent report ranks Pennsylvania as the third worst polluter in the U-S and Canada. The North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation says that pollution from coal burning electric power plants and heavy industrial operations is to blame. Today, Pennsylvania Republican Senator Arlen Specter spoke out about protecting the coal industry while also protecting human health. Alison Burns has more from our NewsCenter 6 Washington newsroom.

1:00 – Package

Scott Johnstone – Environmental scientist

Sen. Arlen Specter – Pennsylvania

7/26/01, 11 PM, Thursday Leah Spangler

LEAD IN HOMES

Many of us live in homes built before 1978. That is not a big deal unless you have small children. If you do have kids, there's something inside your home that could make them very sick. Here's Leah Spangler with a NewsCenter 6 Special Report on lead paint.

1:57 – Package

Ron Babik – Norac Laboratory

Dr. Matt Masiello – Pediatrician

7/27/01, 6 PM, Friday Leah Spangler

HELMET SAFETY

You probably think of falling off your bike and all those bumps and bruises that go along with it as just another part of growing up. But minor injuries can turn deadly for your child without proper protection. Here's Leah Spangler with more.

1:34 – Package

Randy Nihart – Injured rider

Gina Nihart – Randy's mom

Dr. Michael Najarian – Trauma surgeon

SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT JULY

Extra 7/10/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines hotel fire safety. There are about 5,000 hotel and motel fires in the U.S. every year. Travel detective Peter Greensberg reports on the importance of making sure your hotel has taken safety precautions and what you can do if you're caught in a hotel fire while on the road.

Show #: 7265

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 7/17/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines fuel tank safety for airplanes. Two hundred and thirty people died in 1996 when TWA flight 800 exploded just minutes after takeoff from Kennedy airport. It took four long years for the National Transportation Safety Board to determine it was probably caused by a fuel tank explosion. Since then, what has been done to prevent just such a disaster from happening again?

Show #: 7271

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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8/02/01, 5 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

DIVING SAFETY

Hundreds of spinal cord injuries happen every year as a result of swimming diving accidents. Now, new safety procedures have pool owners on the alert to prevent such accidents from happening. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen has the details to protect you.

2:28 - Package

Scott Baldrige - Diving Injury victim

Dr. Donald Marion - UPMC Neurosurgeon

8/02/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

The government says hidden dangers are lurking in your child's backyard play area. What should you look for to keep your kids safe? Here's NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade.

:55 - Package

8/06/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Landra Booker

CAR SEATS

Too many parents are still taking chances with their children's lives by allowing them to ride in the front seats of their cars. A newly released safety study found that about 30% of drivers on the road put their kids up front. Safety experts say that adds up to many children at risk. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:10 - Package

Nicole Petrizzo - Mother

Charles Hurley - National Safety Council

8/06/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

THERMOMETERS

Your child is sick and running a fever. How do you take his or her temperature? The Academy of Pediatrics recently issued a strong warning that may change what type of thermometer you use. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:25 - Package

8/06/01, 11 PM, Monday Jane Watrel

AIRBAGS

When it comes to keeping small children from riding in the front seats of cars, Americans appear to be getting the message. A new study by Harvard researchers says child deaths and injuries from airbags have dropped over the past decade. Jane Watrel has more.

1:34 - Package

Heather Paul - National Safe Kids Campaign

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8/08/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

LIGHTNING

It's peak summer storm season and the National Weather Service warns that many Americans are ignoring one of the top summer storm killers. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

2:05 - Package

John Ogren - National Weather Service

Brad Terra - Lightning Victim

Bill Smith - Witnessed lightning strike

8/09/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

HEAT / FIREMEN

On a day like today, fighting a fire could be just as dangerous as being trapped inside. Fire crews take the weather very seriously. Julie Sidoni talked with them about the added dangers they face when fighting fires in oppressive heat.

1:10 - Package

Chief Mike Huss - Johnstown Fire Dept.

Maj. Robery Carney - Salvation Army

8/13/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Parker

FOOD PRESERVER

Researchers say they've figured out how to keep foods fresh without exposing your body to preservatives. Is this revolutionary new discovery safe? Lisa Parker has more.

1:53 - Package

Dr. Charles Sizer - NCFST Director

8/14/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dennis Murphy

THREE MILE ISLAND

Dateline continues its special weeklong series on catastrophes with the story of Three Mile Island. Just how close did we come to having the unthinkable happen and what new precautions are in place? Dennis Murphy has a preview.

1:29 - Package

8/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

WEST NILE VIRUS

As reports of the West Nile virus continue to increase in Pennsylvania, you are urged to do what you can to control the mosquito population.

:38 - SOT/VO

Dr. Larry Hutchinson

8/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

WATER CONSERVATION

State leaders want you to watch how much water you use. A campaign is underway asking Pennsylvanians to conserve water year-round. Here's Jon Meyer with some ways you can help.

1:20 - Package

Ed Cernic - Greater Johnstown Water Authority

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8/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CHILD KEYRING

As cases of children dying from being left in hot cars become more common, a Minnesota woman has come up with something she hopes will save children's lives. She wants parents to put this big tag on their key rings so they remember a child is in the car.

:42 - SOT/VO

Lynda Karles - Remindertag designer

8/15/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

INTERNET SAFETY

You can lock your windows and bolt your doors, but without even knowing it, you could have predators in your home. Lisa Stofko says you need more than a seatbelt to keep your kids safe on the information superhighway.

1:26 - Package

Michelle - Internet user

Regina Lewis - Computer expert

8/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

CELL PHONES

If you thought it was safe to drive and use a hands-free cell phone, you just might want to hold the line. Researchers are releasing a new study that shows hands-free cell phones are just as distracting as hand-held phones. Landra Booker is standing by live with more.

1:10 - Package

:14 - Live

Charles Hurley - National Safety Council

8/16/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

FITTING IN FITNESS

We all know we are supposed to eat right and exercise to stay healthy. The problem is finding time in our busy lives to do just that. Lisa Stofko has some advice on why it's so important and how we can do it.

1:15 - Package

Bryant Stamford - Fitness expert

8/17/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL DISPOSAL

Those old cans of paint, or bug spray that just about everyone has in their homes can be potentially dangerous. In Centre County this weekend, a special program teaching how to safely dispose of household chemicals is drawing a big turnout. With more on the program, Gary Sinderson joins us from Centre County.

1:27 - Package

Bob Passow - Disposal customer

Romayne Naylor - Program organizer

Joann Shafer - Centre County Waste Authority

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8/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Beverly Kirk

HEAT DEATHS

High school and college football teams around our area have hit the field to get ready for their 2001/2002 seasons. While the heat has not returned to our area, it has been an issue ever since a pro-offensive lineman died of heatstroke earlier this month. Beverly Kirk has more on how coaches are protecting their players before another athlete falls victim to the heat.

1:45 - Package

Kenny Lucas - High School football coach

Bakari Mckenney - Senior running back

Matt Brant - Senior safety / receiver

8/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jerry Carnes

NASCAR

Nascar officials say they will try to improve safety as a result of Dale Earnhardt's tragic death at Daytona Speedway. They will require installation of black boxes that are similar to those used in airplanes. But they will not require drivers to use head and neck restraints. Jerry Carnes has the details from Atlanta.

1:10 - Package

Mike Helton - NASCAR President

8/22/01, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

EMT & WEAPONS

EMT's help people everyday, but a recent change in state policy is putting their lives in danger. Emergency crews have never been allowed to carry knives and guns, but now pepper spray and mace are forbidden too.

:39 - SOT/VO

Carl Moen - Assistant Director

8/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Lilian Kim

BULLETPROOF SCHOOLS

Compared to your school years, times have certainly changed. Lilian Kim takes a look at some of the terrifying realities your kids may face every day and how your child's school is keeping him or her safe.

1:26 - Package

Michael Silver - Supintendent

Maryilyn Brockman - Architect

Mike Togerson - School administrator

8/29/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

TIRE SAFETY

Are you driving your family down the path to danger? The government says you probably are because your tires are under-inflated. Alison Burns is standing by live in our Washington D.C. newsroom with more.

:55 - Package

SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT AUGUST

Ricki Lake 8/30/01

Host: Ricki Lake

All parents try to teach their children to be safe, telling them not to speak to strangers or not to get into a car driven by someone who has been drinking. Several sets of parents let Ricki put their children to the test, placing them in staged situations or safety tests that would be potentially precarious in the real world. From fake guns in a green room to strangers approaching and befriending the children in a local public park, parents are astounded at their children's reactions.

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ENVIRONMENT SEPTEMBER**

9/04/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

MATURE DRIVERS

Getting behind the wheel can be a dangerous venture for older drivers. That's what a new study claims and why car companies and highway planners are being asked to do their part to keep everyone safe. Miranda Gresko reports.

1:12 - Package

Dana Shade - Priority Care program

Roger Dodson - PennDOT Traffic Engineer

9/10/01, 5 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

RACCOON BITING

An area woman very recently went through a very scary experience when she faced a rabid raccoon head-on in her backyard in New Florence. The animal charged her, and before she knew it, the animal bit her leg. Now Lee White is sharing her story and warning others to be aware and alert. The Game Commission echoes her warning.

1:45 - Package

Lee White - Bitten by raccoon

9/21/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

DRUNK DRIVING

You know it is against the law to drink and drive but do you really understand the danger of getting behind the wheel after having even one drink? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:47 - Package

Jenna Westrick - Senior

Daniel Sogor - PA DUI Association

9/24/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

MOUTH GUARDS

Helmets, shin guards, elbow pads, they're the common protective items children are accustomed to wearing. You may want to add one more to the list - mouth guards. Lisa Stofko explains why.

1:26 - Package

Maria Gebhart - Mom

Mary Hayes - Pediatric dentist

9/28/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

AMTRAK SAFETY

Trains are getting very crowded since the Sept. 11th attacks. Now Amtrak and other rail systems are putting new safety procedures into effect. Jen Kallin has more.

1:36 - Package

Kim Reed - Amtrak passenger

Debbie Roiger - Amtrak passenger

Kathleen Cantillon - Amtrak Intercity

Tom Nebbe - Amtrak passenger

9/28/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

SLEEPY DRIVERS

Drivers falling asleep at the wheel are getting more attention. A new study shows that one in five drivers hit the road when they are tired. These sleepy drivers are becoming a major highway hazard. Sophia Wharton is live in State College with more.

1:10 - Package

:14 - Live

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9/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

MARKET FUTURE

With the market logging its worst one day performance, investors are wondering about what is to come in the days and weeks ahead. Jim Hargreaves joins us now to offer his insight in the market.

:52 - Live

James Hargreaves - Investment advisor, First Union Securities

9/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Leah Spangler

U.S. AIR

Tuesday's terrorist attacks are affecting parts of Pennsylvania's economy. US Air says it will layoff 11 thousand workers, and as many as four thousand are right here in Pennsylvania. Even if you aren't one of them, you still may feel the effects. Here is Leah Spangler with details.

1:13 - Package

Joe McKelvey - Airport Director

9/18/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

AIRLINE CRISIS

Even before last Tuesday's terrorist attacks on America, the airline industry was in trouble. Since the attack, airline stocks have plummeted. Customers are staying away and the airlines are cutting jobs. Today, airline executives went to Washington to ask Uncle Sam for help. Brigitte Langmade has the details.

1:55 - Package

Leo Mullin - Delta

Norm Mineta - Transportation Secretary

Se. Tom Daschle - Senate Majority Leader

9/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

TRAVEL CANCELLATIONS

Travel agencies in the region are taking a huge hit from last week's terror attack. Unlike the stock exchange and the military that can compare today's situation to Pearl Harbor or the Great Depression, those in the travel agency are essentially flying in the dark, looking for a plan on how to deal with this.

:41 - SOT/VO

Lynn Dudish - Carlson Wagonlit Travel

9/19/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

NORFOLK SOUTHERN

There is a decision tonight about the Hollidaysburg car shop's future. It is not a good one for Blair County. The Surface Transportation Board says it will not stop Norfolk Southern from pulling up stakes and closing the car shops. Christie Seibert is live in Hollidaysburg now with more.

1:32 - Package

:19 - Live

Paul Allsopp - Altoona

Lisa Allsopp - Altoona

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9/20/01, 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

RAILROAD WORKERS LOSE

Workers at Norfolk Southern's Hollidaysburg car shop say they feel the company sold them out. Workers learned Wednesday that the Federal Surface Transportation Board will not block the shop's closing. Lisa Stofko has more on what this means for workers who fought hard to save their jobs.

1:35 – Package

9/24/01, 11 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

AIRLINE EMPLOYEES

Congress and the President may have given the airlines a 15 billion dollar bailout. But what about the 100 thousand laid off airline workers? A Pennsylvania congresswoman is trying to throw those workers a lifeline. Brigitte Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:40 – Package

Rep. Melissa Hart – 4th District

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT, JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS JULY

7/10/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

CITIES DRIVE ECONOMY

A new report says that the local economies of some of the nation's cities are actually larger and stronger than those of some nations. NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade gives us a look at the report.

1:55 – Package

Marc Morial – New Orleans Mayor

7/18/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Kristy Kim

BAD JOB REFERENCES

You're looking for a new job, and when the company calls your current employer, your boss gives you a bad reference. What can you do if this happens to you? Kristy Kim reports.

2:02 – Package

Ron L. – Electrician

Julia Chase – References-Etc.com

Bob Gordan – Attorney

Nancy Shilepsky – Attorney

7/19/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

MUTUAL FUNDS

So you want to be a millionaire? If you are like most people, you'll try the lottery and hope to strike it big. But as Lisa Stofko reports, there is another way. She shows us how to make big money on mutual funds.

1:07 – Package

Eldon Heiser – Investor

William J. O'Neil – Author

7/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

JOBS FOR GRADS

Changing economic times means mixed signals for those just getting into the job market. While there's more layoffs, there's also college grads landing jobs with higher starting salaries. Gary Sinderson has more on the employment outlook.

1:20 – Package

Dan Aberaminko – PSU Student

Jack Rayman – PSU Career Services

Melissa Watts – PSU Student

Sue Gilbert – PSU Student

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8/13/01, 11 PM, Monday Jim Avila

FORD RECALL SETTLEMENT

A record recall could involve five million Fords. It's a deal that could cost Ford one billion dollars and send more shock waves through a huge component of the already hurting American economy. Jim Avila reports.

2:20 - Package

8/14/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

CAREER LINK

The world wide web appears to be the latest innovation in helping people in our area find jobs. As Miranda Gresko reports, this may be the most important tool nowadays to bring employees and employers together matching jobs and skills.

1:32 - Package

Todd Leydig - Used Careerlink

Tim Bittle - Workforce Development Deputy

Frank Homoki - Private Sector Co-Chair

8/14/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

INVESTING

Are you among the many people who don't invest in the stock market due to fear of making mistakes? If so, the only real mistake you're making is doing nothing at all. Lisa Stofko has more.

1:14 - Package

William O'Neil - Author

8/16/01, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATION

If you own a business and are looking for a tax break this year, a donation to a local school could provide the relief you're looking for. The Educational Improvement Program is meant to give business tax credit for a donation to the public or private school of their choice.

:42 - SOT/VO

Lori Hartnett - Stewardship & Development

8/21/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

INTEREST RATE CUT

Alan Greenspan cut interest rates for the 7th time in one year. But what will be the effect on you? Here's NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade.

1:19 - Package

Chris Edwards - Fiscal policy analyst

8/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

STATE COLLEGE GROWTH

Despite layoffs and economic uncertainty elsewhere, the State College area economy remains healthy. With more on how that area's business climate is continuing to flourish despite setbacks in other parts of the region, here is Gary Sinderson live from State College.

1:15 - Package

:14 - Live

John Coleman - Business Chamber director

Sam McCullough - PA Economic Director

Theresa Sparacino - Downtown State College Inc.

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8/24/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

LOW PAY

Some might say that it doesn't pay to work in south central Pennsylvania. Actually, it doesn't pay as well as in other parts of the state or nation. Lisa Stofko reports on our low pay.

1:43 - Package

John Murtha - Rep. 12th District

Linda Williams - worker

James Lear - worker

8/28/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

UNEMPLOYMENT

The local job market shows no sign of improvement as new figures reveal the unemployment rate rose again in July. As Miranda Gresko reports, people in Blair, Bedford, and Huntingdon counties continue to suffer looking for jobs that aren't there.

1:20 - Package

Carole Pipetti - Blair County Careerlink

8/30/01, 11 PM, Thursday Brigette Langmade

TAX CUT

Have you gotten your tax rebate check yet? Have you already spent it? As Brigette Langmade reports, the tax cut designed to give the economy a shot in the arm could pack a big wallop down the road.

1:32 - Package

Robert McIntyre - Citizens for Tax Justice

Tucker Eskew - Deputy Assistant to the President

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: RACIAL / ETHNIC ISSUES JULY

7/16/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Landra Booker

RACIAL PROFILING

Racial profiling has been an alleged problem in the Johnstown Police Department, one they are trying to put an end to. But a new report says police departments around the country are not doing enough to end it. More now from NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker.

1:17 - Package

Dr. Lori Fridell - Researcher

Jerry Oliver - Richmond police chief

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8/16/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

RACISM CONFERENCE

Are racial and diversity conditions improving at Pennsylvania colleges and universities? That's what a group of state lawmakers continue to investigate. That was the issue today at Penn State University. Gary Sinderson joins us from Penn State live.

2:00 - Package

:16 - Live

Graham Spanier - Penn State president

Jess Stairs - Representative

8/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

BLACK CAUCUS

Penn State's Black Caucus wastes no time in picking up from where it left off during the turbulent spring semester. It continues to push diversity related issues to the forefront at Penn State in the implementation of the agreement to prevent racial turmoil.

1:05 - Package

Hasan Anenra - PSU Black Caucus president

Graham Spanier - Penn State president

RACIAL / ETHNIC ISSUES AUGUST

Ricki Lake 8/13/01

Host: Ricki Lake

Ricki explores the interracial tension between light and dark skinned African Americans. Today's guests claim that they are treated differently because of the difference in their skin tone. Dark-skinned guests say that their light-skinned counterparts are more readily accepted in a predominantly white society.

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9/17/01, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

MUSLIM HATRED

Last week's terrorist attack is sparking vengeful feelings, and Muslims in our area are worried that they are being targeted. At Penn State, a conference on racism and hatred included discussions on how to deal with the repercussions of last week's attack.

:44 - SOT/VO

Takkeem Morgan - Conference organizer

9/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

MUSLIM ATTACKS

American Muslims are stepping up their pleas that they don't become targets for revenge. Since last week, the backlash is keeping away many Muslims from going about their daily routines. With more on their safety concerns, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

:20 - Live

1:09 - Package

Dr. Julie Belz - Muslim

Mumina Kowalski - Muslim

Tarek Mahomnd - Muslim